

ABOUT WILLAPA HILLS

Explore the natural beauty of the Willapa Hills area in Lewis County. The Willapa Hills Trail is a scenic, multi-use path stretching over fifty miles through lush forests, rural farmland, and along the Chehalis River, offering opportunities for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

Rainbow Falls State Park is perfect for hiking and picnicking, featuring serene forest trails and its namesake waterfall.

The area's rolling rural countryside invites relaxation, exploration, and calm with picturesque farmland and small-town charm.

Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast or looking for a quiet getaway, the Willapa Hills region provides a refreshing escape into nature's tranquility.



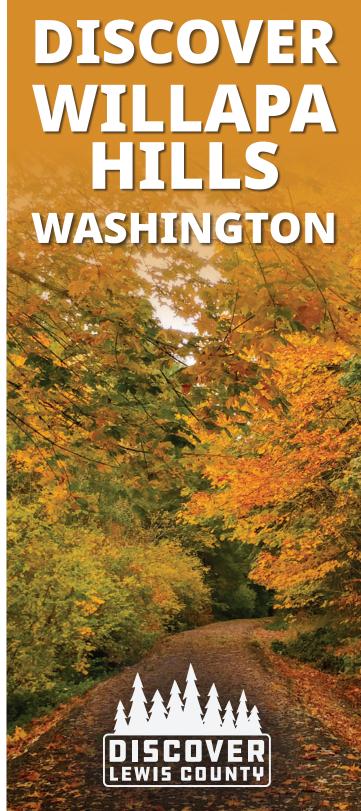
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TOP PICKS FOR DISCOVERING WILLAPA HILLS

Rainbow Falls State Park: Nestled in western Lewis County, Rainbow Falls State Park is a serene getaway perfect for nature lovers. This 129-acre park is home to lush forests, meandering trails, and the stunning Rainbow Falls, where the Chehalis River cascades over ancient rock formations. Visitors enjoy hiking, picnicking, and fishing while soaking in the surroundings. The park also offers camping facilities, making it a popular spot for an overnight retreat.

Claquato Church: Built in 1857, it is the oldest standing church in Washington State. Located near Chehalis, this charming wooden structure reflects early pioneer craftsmanship and serves as a symbol of the region's history. Preserved as a historical site, it offers visitors a glimpse into the past.

Rose Park: This charming spot for picnicking and recreation is located in the Adna community. The park features playgrounds, picnic areas, and quiet walking paths, making it ideal for families and outdoor enthusiasts. Surrounded by greenery, it's a peaceful haven to enjoy a day of fun or quiet reflection.



Willapa Hills Trail: The Willapa Hills Trail is a 56-mile multi-use trail that connects Chehalis to South Bend, offering a scenic journey through southwest Washington. Converted from a historic railway, the trail weaves through picturesque forests, rolling farmlands, and alongside and over rivers.

Suitable for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, it features both paved sections near Chehalis and gravel pathways. Catch the trail in Chehalis or several other locations offering parking and restrooms along the route. Highlights along the trail include restored bridges and wildlife, providing a tranquil escape into nature. Perfect for short outings or long excursions, the Willapa Hills Trail is a memorable way to enjoy the simple pleasures of scenic Lewis County. A Discover Pass is required to park vehicles at trailhead locations.

Doty & Dryad: These two quaint communities in Lewis County are steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty. Located along the Chehalis River, they offer access to outdoor activities like hiking, fishing, and exploring nearby Rainbow Falls State Park. Stop by the Doty General Store for fresh pastries and sweet treats.

Pe Ell: A charming small town nestled in the hills of Lewis County, Pe Ell is known for its rich logging history and close-knit community. Its roots trace back to the late 19th century. Local businesses and cafes provide a cozy, small-town experience. Stop by Jones Creek Brewing, a popular craft brewery offering a variety of flavorful beers and seltzers with a welcoming atmosphere for visitors and community gatherings.