

## Visit Kitsap selected as Anchor Organization for Washington Maritime Heritage Area

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**Poulsbo, Washington Feb 4, 2022** ([Issuewire.com](http://Issuewire.com)) - [The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation](http://The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation) recently announced notable community organizations will be designated as anchor organizations for the recently designated Washington Maritime Heritage Area.

Among those [Visit Kitsap](#), the destination marketing organization for Kitsap County, Washington.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation made its application and was awarded Heritage Area status in 2019. Moving forward they have assembled community leaders from varied organizations that focus on; tourism, climate, recreation, military, and tribes to assist them in creating a management plan for the area.

Per the WTHP, “the Maritime Washington National Heritage Area (“Maritime Washington”) was designated in 2019 to help share and preserve our state’s unique maritime heritage, resources, and stories. It spans 3,000 miles of Washington State’s saltwater coastline from Grays Harbor County through Puget Sound to the Canadian border. National Heritage Areas are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, and historic resources combine to form a nationally important landscape. Although supported by the National Park Service, National Heritage Areas are unique in that they are locally run and completely non-regulatory.”

Director Beth Javens added her team has “touted the importance of Kitsap County adding yet another designation to the region in addition to the [Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails system](#) to travel writers and journalists some of which will be visiting our area this spring.

To find out more or to how to get involved visit: <https://preservewa.org/programs/maritime-national-heritage-area/mw-nha-get-involved>

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