

**Property reference number: - A1810-184- (BELLINGHAM, WA )**

Home to a family with 2 children under 7yrs. They are looking to house swap for 2-3 weeks in the UK. (Spring, summer or autumn)

They are **not** restricted to school holidays.

**KEY INFORMATION**

Bedrooms available:-	Bedroom 1:- Double with kingsize bed; bedroom 2:- twin with 2 single beds bedroom 3:- one single bed. (+ toddler bed if required) There is also a queen size double sofa bed in the basement with ensuite facilities. (max:- 7 people)
Children welcome?	Children of all ages are welcome, but parents need to know there are a lots of stairs.
Pets that live here:-	They have 2 cats that need feeding daily and a litterbox to be emptied every few days. Friends can come in to feed them if swappers want to take trips away from the house.

Bellingham is situated on Bellingham Bay near the Canadian border, and lies west of Mount Baker and Lake Whatcom. It's a popular tourist destination known for its easy access to outdoor recreation in the San Juan Islands and North Cascades. Fairhaven, a smaller, separate downtown area still part of Bellingham, is about 15 minutes away, and is a very cute victorian area (the Alaska Ferry leaves from here). You can look up Taylor Dock - a beautiful walk over the water. This is an amazing location to holiday, also being in the proximity to the cities of Vancouver BC (north), and Seattle (south).



This detached house was built in the late 1990's and is located on the outskirts of the city. They are about 1 ½ miles away from the nearest shops & eating places, & their church is 3 ½ miles. This well designed 3 storey home has two 'kid' bedrooms and a master bedroom. There is a single bed in one room, and twin beds in the other (there's a trundle so one single is stored under the main bed). There's the queen sofa bed too in the walk out basement which is finished with its own bathroom.

They have an enclosed back yard. In the front of the house is a cul de sac with a shared small green area. There is a kid's playground in the neighborhood (within our cul de sac..a few seconds walk from the house). And then there is a beautiful trail system right next to our house.

“If staying in Bellingham only, and in shape, you could get by with bikes alone. There is a bus system that could be used as well, but it would take a bit of walking to get to the initial bus stop. A car would be beneficial for exploring the amazing scenery that surrounds the area. Car hire available locally. They have 2 adult mountain bikes, and a couple kid bikes which house-swappers are welcome to use.”

The family attend Trinity Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod) About 100 people attend each of the morning services of which the 8-30am is a contemporary style and the 11am is traditional. The church will warmly welcome visitors and it serves its local community very well with meetings and activities for all age groups.

<http://www.trinitybellingham.org>

Sport's facilities	A community swimming pool 3.8 miles away; several outdoor tennis courts throughout Bellingham (park and school property) & one indoor tennis facility; 2 Bowling Alleys; Lake Whatcom and Bellingham Bay for any water sports. There are several trails throughout the city for runners/walkers/bikers.
Local places of interest	There are amazing city parks in Bellingham and Whatcom County (too many to name, but a couple are Lake Padden, Boulevard Park, Zuanich Point Park, Whatcom Falls Park). The family love going up to Artist Point in the summer when the road is snow free (or skiing/snowshoeing in the winter). Diablo Lake and Ross Lake are beautiful to explore, as is the Cascade Loop (the Pacific Crest Trail is accessible). Seattle and Vancouver, BC are both easy day trips. Exploring the San Juans Islands, Victoria, BC and the Gulf Islands are fun for a longer outing, as is Whistler, BC.  In the city center, the SPARK Museum of Electrical Invention contains hands-on science exhibits. The Whatcom Museum showcases art, nature and regional history across 3 sites, including the Lightcatcher building with its curving, translucent wall.

“Bellingham is a mountain biking mecca. There's a mountain called Galbraith that's likened to a ski resort for bikes...there's over 50 miles of singletrack! There's also amazing sea kayaking in Bellingham Bay and beyond. In the spring there's the beautiful Tulip Festival just 30 minutes south in Skagit Valley. (a trip to Mt Erie, Deception Pass and more makes for a fun full day)”.

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