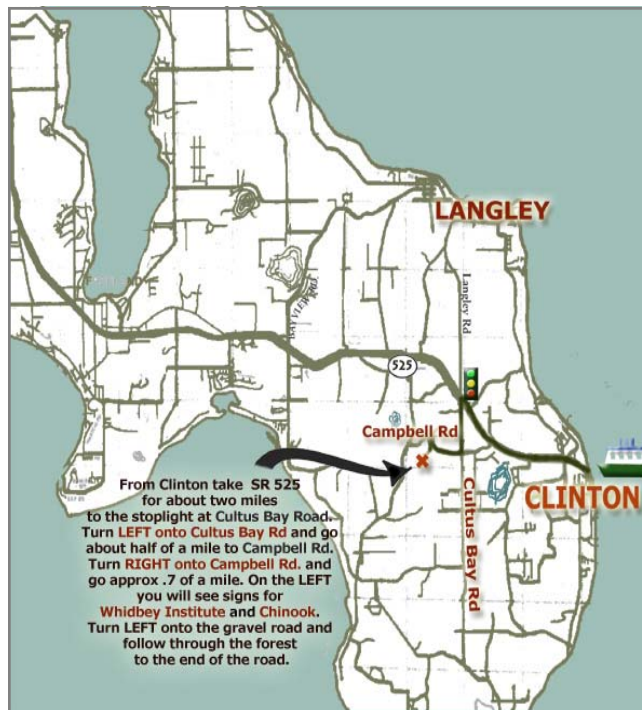


The Whidbey Institute at Chinook is an educational non-profit, organization and non-denominational retreat center committed to the study and practice of interdependence with the earth, spirit, and one another. Our local, bioregional, and international work is based on Whidbey Island, one hour north of Seattle in the heart of the Pacific Northwest. The Whidbey Institute serves people who care about what is happening in our society and world, desire to engage the personal and social challenges before us, and seek to strengthen their commitment to the common good.

Whidbey Institute is enveloped in the beauty and power of a Forest Sanctuary called Chinook. Considered by many to be sacred ground, it holds the dreams, hopes and prayers of the hundreds each year who come to nourish and celebrate our human relationship with nature and the environment

A perfect setting for intimate, simple ceremonies, Whidbey Institute can help you make your day a reflection of your commitment to a greener lifestyle. For you, and for those attending, it will be a memorable experience graced with the natural beauty of the Chinook lands.



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Green Weddings & Ceremonies

Lost in the Woods in the dark, I stood still
and said nothing. And then there rose in
me, like the earth's empowering brew
rising in root and branch, the words of a
dream of you.

—Wendell Berry



*Celebrate your love in harmony with
your love for the earth.*

You're Invited to celebrate in the natural elegance of the Chinook lands, resonate with the love of community, and experience the interconnectedness of nature and spirit.

The Right Place

The Whidbey Institute provides one place for the ceremony, reception and family lodging. This one choice can save travel time, build community and conserve resources. At the



same time, you will be supporting a green, regional non-profit organization and choosing to take an active role in sustainable practices that help to protect one of the most beautiful places on earth.

Green Ideas

Simplify. Your dream celebration can become a reality without over consuming. Save money, resources, and reduce your carbon footprint, while ensuring your celebration is a personal reflection of you as a couple.

Make it meaningful. Share this important step in your lives with the people who are close to you. Register at a green company, ask guests to donate to a charity or non-profit in your name. Include friends and relatives in the event. Who can bake a cake? Assist with set-up and tear down? Coordinate logistics? Arrange flowers?

Flowers & Decor: The Island is full of resources for in-season, locally grown flowers. Try using 100 % soy or vegetable wax candles, rented or potted plants. Use birdseed only, rice is harmful to the birds. Mix it with dried flowers and herbs for elegance and meaning.

Food: We can help you find a local caterer that will use local, organic farm foods and prepare Northwest specialties. No bottled water please, our well water is excellent.

Music and Entertainment: Go acoustic with instruments of all kinds: piano, harp, violin, voice, all unplugged and lovely.

Invitations. Recycled and tree-free paper options abound and they look as pretty as virgin pulp paper products. Or forget paper invitations altogether and use email.

What to wear. Try these eco-friendly options: Formalwear rental is now available for women too. Check out the classified listings online or in your local paper. Call Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation, they sell used bridal and brides maids gowns to help fund their organization, and you can also donate your gown.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Avoid using disposable and one-time-use items. Ask a friend or relative to ensure that recyclables are collected, sorted and disposed of in our recycling center. Encourage car-pooling. We can provide information for parking at the Mukilteo ferry.



Considerations

We host a maximum of seven weddings per year • There is a minimum 2-night rental of the entire facility based on availability • Facility rental cost: is \$5500, • All services, including set up, tear down, shuttles, catering, flowers, and other planning, are independently contracted and managed by the wedding party • The maximum number of wedding guests is 100 (including children) • Mandatory quiet time is 10:00 pm (by agreement with our neighbors) • Children attending must be well supervised at all times • Alcohol is limited to beer and wine and must be served by a licensed bartender • As a nature reserve, no domestic animals are allowed on the land • Smoking is restricted to the Art Barn • Please leave the facility and land as it was found.

Come for a Visit

We'd love the opportunity to show you the beauty and power of the Whidbey Institute at Chinook. Call us for an appointment: 360-341-3404. We welcome your ideas too!