



Kitsap County was founded in 1857 and was once part of King and Jefferson counties. It was named Kitsap, meaning “brave chief.” The county is a peninsula located on the west side of Puget Sound. Many geographical features of the county were named by the early explorers of Puget Sound. Captain George Vancouver named the Hood Canal, Foulweather Bluff, Admiralty Inlet and Port Orchard. In the 1850s, the

county’s lumber mills provided lumber to build San Francisco. In 1891 the U.S. Navy established the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton. Today, the county’s economy is based on naval installations, wood products and agriculture.

Bounded by: Island County (N), Snohomish and King counties (E), Pierce County (S) and Mason and Jefferson counties (W).

County Seat: Port Orchard

Chambers of Commerce:

Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce, (www.bainbridgechamber.com) 590 Winslow Way E, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. Phone 206-842-3700. Fax 206-842-3713.

Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce, (www.bremertonchamber.org) PO Box 229, 301 Pacific Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337-0229. Phone 360-479-3579. Fax 360-479-1033.

Packwood Improvement Service, PO Box 269, Packwood, WA 98361. Phone 360-494-7126. Fax 360-494-7124.

Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce, (www.portorchard.com) 1014 Bay St. #8, Port Orchard, WA 98366-5205. Phone 360-876-3505. Fax 360-895-1920.

Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce, (www.poulsbo.net/gpcc) PO Box 1063, 19168 Jensen Way, Poulsbo, WA 98370. Phone 360-779-4999, 360-779-4848. Fax 360-779-3115.

Silverdale Chamber of Commerce, (www.silverdalechamber.com) PO Box 1218, Silverdale, WA 98383-1218. Phone 360-692-6800. Fax 360-692-1379.

County Government: (www.kitsapgov.com) 614 Division St, Port Orchard, WA 98366. Courthouse hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Assessor: MS 22. Phone 360-337-7160. Fax 360-337-4874.

Auditor: Phone 360-337-7129. Fax 360-337-4645.

Clerk: Phone 360-337-7164. Fax 360-337-4927.

Treasurer: Phone 360-337-7135. Fax 509-337-4635.

Genealogical Society:

Puget Sound Genealogical Society, (www.rootsweb.com/~wapgsdgs/homepage.htm) 1026 Sidney Ave, Suite 110, Port Orchard, WA 98366.

Health Department: Kitsap-Bremerton Health Dist, (www.wa.gov/kitsaphealth/) 109 Austin Dr, Bremerton, WA 98312. Phone 360-337-5235. Fax 360-337-5298.

Historical Societies:

Bainbridge Island Historical Society, (www.bicomnet.com/bihs) 7650 NE High School Rd, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-2621. Phone 206-842-2773. Email bihs@nwinet.com; joan@piperpiper.com.

Kitsap County Historical Society, (www.waynes.net/kchsm) PO Box 903, Bremerton, WA 98337. Phone 360-479-6226. Fax 360-415-9294. Email kchsm@telebyte.net.

USS Turner Joy/Bremerton Historic Ships Association, 300 Washington Beach Ave #8, Bremerton, WA 98310. Phone 360-392-2457. Fax 360-377-1020. Email dd951@sinclair.net.

Libraries - Academic:

Olympic College, (<http://oc.ctc.edu/instruction/lrc/index.html>) Haselwood Library Media Center, 1600 Chester Ave, Bremerton, WA 98337-1699. Phone 360-475-7250. Fax 360-475-7261.

Libraries - Public:

Kitsap Regional Library, (www.krl.org) 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310-3498. Phone 360-377-7601. Fax 360-405-9128. *Collection includes the Northwest Collection.*

Tracyton Community Library, PO Box 456, Tracyton, WA 98393-0456. Phone 795-8605.

Libraries - Special:

Bremerton Washington Family History Center Library 2225 North Perry Ave, Bremerton, WA. Phone 360-479-9370.

Bremerton Washington 1st Family History Center Library, 3877 Mullenix Rd, SE, Port Orchard, WA. Phone 360-895-3099.

Sun Library, PO Box 259, Bremerton, WA 98337. Phone 360-792-9239. Fax 360-479-7681.

Suquamish Tribal Library, PO Box 498, Suquamish, WA 98392. Phone 360-394-5241.

Museums and Historical Sites:

Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, (www.bicomnet.com) PO Box 11653, 7650 NE High School Rd, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110. Phone 206-842-2773. Email bihs@nwinet.com.

Bremerton Naval Museum, 130 Washington Ave., Bremerton, WA 98337. Phone 360-479-7447. Fax 360-377-4186. Email bremnavmuseum@aol.com.

Kitsap County Historical Society Museum, (www.waynes.net/kchsm) PO Box 903, 280 4th St, Bremerton, WA 98337. Phone 360-479-6226. Fax 360-415-9294. Email kchsm@telebyte.net.

Log Cabin Museum, 416 Sidney Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366. Phone 360-876-3693.

Naval Undersea Museum, (www.num.kpt.nuwc.navy.mil) PO Box 408, 610 Dowell St, Keyport, WA 98345. Phone 360-396-4148. Fax 360-396-7944. Email bgalvani@kpt.nuwc.navy.mil

Pope and Talbot Historical Museum, PO Box 217, Port Gamble, WA 98366-0217. Phone 360-297-3341.

Port Gamble Museum, (www.ptgamble.com) PO Box 85, Port Gamble, WA 98364. Phone 360-297-8074. Fax 360-297-7455. Email ssmith@orminc.com.

Sidney Art Gallery and Museum, 202 Sidney Ave, Port Orchard, WA 98366. Phone 360-876-3693. Fax 360-895-1920.

Suquamish Museum, PO Box 498, 15838 Sandy Hook Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98392. Phone 360-394-5275. Fax 360-598-6295.

USS Turner Joy, Bremerton Historic Ships Association, 300 Washington Beach Ave #8, Bremerton, WA 98310. Phone 360-392-2457. Fax 360-377-1020. Email dd951@sinclair.net.

State Archives Branch:

Puget Sound Regional Archives,
(http://www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/archives_puget.aspx?m=ar1&m=undefined) Pritchard-Fleming
Bldg N, Bellevue Community College, 3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bldg N, Bellevue, WA 98007-6484.
Phone 425-564-3940. Fax 425-564-3945. Email archives@bcc.ctc.edu.