

San Juan Islands named Washington State's top attraction by 10Best readers

Point Defiance Park, Cape Disappointment State Park, Smith Tower and Lake Chelan in top five

With Seattle as its cultural and artistic hub, Washington State enjoys a diversity that caters to nearly any type of traveler. From the Cascade Range to the Puget Sound, natural attractions in the state shine, but manmade offerings like the Pike Place Market or the Space Needle have become just as characteristic.





Built in 1914, Smith Tower has long been an architectural icon in Seattle. Today, the city's first skyscraper still has one of Seattle's best observation decks alongside a speakeasy-style bar serving Prohibition-era craft cocktails.

We asked USA TODAY 10Best readers to vote for their favorite Washington attractions, and after four weeks of voting, we have a winner.

The top 10 winners in the category Best Washington Attraction are as follows:

- 1. San Juan Islands
- 2. Point Defiance Park Tacoma
- 3. Cape Disappointment State Park Ilwaco
- 4. Smith Tower Seattle
- 5. Lake Chelan
- 6. Mount Rainier National Park
- 7. Ballard Locks Seattle
- 8. Museum of Glass Tacoma
- 9. Olympic National Park
- 10. Pike Place Market Seattle

A panel of experts partnered with 10Best editors to picked the initial 20 nominees, and the top 10 winners were determined by popular vote. Experts Lara Dunning (Small Town Washington & Beyond), Mary Jo Manzanares (Traveling with MJ), JoAnn Roe and Corinne Whiting (10Best) were chosen based on their knowledge and experience of travel in Washington State.

Congratulations to all these winning attractions!