

## CITY SPOTLIGHT

Mukilteo, WA

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### HISTORY



Mukilteo is a waterfront community situated on Puget Sound in southern Snohomish County, about 25 miles north of Seattle. This scenic area has views of the Olympic Mountains to the west and the Northern Cascade Mountains to the north and east. Annual precipitation for the region is approximately 35 inches and visitors find moderate weather conditions from May through the end of October.

Mukilteo, a Native American name that over time became known as “a good camping ground,” is the site where the Point Elliott Treaty was signed by Governor Isaac Stevens and representatives of 22 Native American tribes in 1855. The first settlement in the County was established on the northern point of Mukilteo in 1858. Pioneers to Mukilteo developed a trading post, lumber mill, cannery and a port of entry for the trading ships.

The city was incorporated in 1947 with a population of 775. In 1980 an area to the south of the city boundaries was annexed, which was followed by the 1991 annexation of Harbour Pointe; a master planned community that included a shopping center and an award winning public golf course. The Harbour Pointe annexation almost doubled the city's population from 6,900 to 13,000 and increased the city's area to 6.6 square miles.

Mukilteo is the home to the historic 1906 Mukilteo Light Station, located within Lighthouse Park which offers an accessible beach, picnic area and boat launch. The Light Station is available for touring and special events. For more information on the facility contact the [Mukilteo Historical Society](#). The city is also a regional transportation hub for the State Ferry System that connects [Mukilteo to Clinton](#) on Whidbey Island.

Today the city's population has grown to 21,240 (April 2017, Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management) and its diverse, multi-cultural residents continue to share a great sense of pride, history and tradition of community involvement. Mukilteo amenities include quaint shopping areas, restaurants, financial institutions and several parks and open spaces for recreational opportunities. The city is also a neighbor to the Boeing Company, Paine Field Regional Airport and other major employers along a technology corridor that reaches from northern King County through Mukilteo. To learn more about Mukilteo's demographics, this resource [2017 Mukilteo Demographics](#) is very informative.

Whether a "good camping ground" or a place to call home, Mukilteo affords its citizens the opportunity to live, work and play in a beautiful community of the Pacific Northwest. To learn more about Mukilteo's history see [HistoryLink.org](#).

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