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dxʷsəqʷabš, meaning the “people of clear salt water” in the Southern Lushootseed language, welcome you to the new Suquamish Museum, dedicated in 2012. Our mission is to collect, preserve, study, exhibit and teach the living culture and history of the Suquamish Tribe and its Salish neighbors while upholding Suquamish Tribal values. Our Education program strives to deliver quality programs that meet the Washington State Curriculum standards for art and social studies at all grade levels. Please inquire about your grade level education needs that may be met by the Suquamish Museum Education Program.

FAQ’s

Photography
Photography is allowed without flash unless otherwise directed by Museum staff.

Food & Drink
Food & drink (no matter the container) are not allowed in the exhibits. Space in the Lobby or on the Grounds can be utilized for food and drink consumption. Store sells snacks.

Museum Store
The Leota Anthony Museum Store features an impressive array of Coast Salish inspired merchandise. Discover/VISA/Mastercard accepted. Shipping rates possible.

Restrooms & Coats
Multi-stall bathrooms and a Family restroom with changing table available.

Personal Belongings & Writing materials
Backpacks may not be worn into the exhibit area. They may be left in the back of the lobby near the coats or in the Education room if available. Pens are not allowed in the exhibit. Pencils & writing paper are allowed.

Special Needs
The Facility is fully equipped for those with mobility challenges and child strollers are allowed. Limited seating is available in the Museum galleries.

Please ask Museum staff about any questions you may have. We want your visit to be easy & fun!
ABOUT THE EXHIBITS

The Board of Trustees and curatorial staff worked with Storyline Studios to envision and design the new permanent exhibit, swəwəl tuli7 tuli? tuhəʔkw’ə?m - Ancient Shores Changing Tides, that introduce students to the Suquamish People who have lived along these shores since time immemorial. Presented in a traditional way, the seven design elements illustrate an integrated cultural view of the Suquamish over time; past, present, and future. The installation by Pacific Studios will inspire students to see, listen and learn in a new way. Culture is more than historical events strung together. Our goal is to introduce learning as a cultural experience. The passing of traditional knowledge and values, generation to generation, through personal family and community relationships is the core of Suquamish culture. Students will gain an historical and contemporary understanding of Tribal history, regional geography, resource usage of marine and terrestrial environments. And, learn about the modern Tribal Sovereignty, political and economic institutions and marine resource conservation efforts; always touching on plans for the future.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING

From the Seattle/Bainbridge Island Ferry
Take Highway 305 North towards Poulsbo approximately six miles. Turn right on Suquamish Way NE at the stoplight, just after the Agate Pass Bridge. Follow Suquamish Way NE approximately 1.5 miles. Follow the signs to the Museum parking lot with a left turn on Division Street, then a right turn on to South Street. A bus loading/un-loading zone pull-out is immediately after turn on to South Street. The bus may stay in the zone/un-loading zone.

From the Edmonds/Kingston Ferry
Take Highway 104 to Poulsbo. Turn left on Highway 305 and continue south through Poulsbo toward Bainbridge Island. Turn left on Suquamish Way NE, just before the Agate Pass Bridge. Follow Suquamish Way NE approximately 1.5 miles. Follow the signs to the Museum parking lot with a left turn on Division Street, then a right turn on to South Street. A bus loading/un-loading zone pull-out is immediately after turn on to South Street. The bus may stay in the zone/un-loading zone.

From Tacoma
Take Highway 16 West to Highway 3 North towards Poulsbo. Exit at the Highway 305 Bainbridge Island exit. Proceed through Poulsbo toward Bainbridge Island. Turn left on Suquamish Way NE, just before the Agate Pass Bridge. Follow Suquamish Way NE approximately 1.5 miles. Follow the signs to the Museum parking lot with a left turn on Division Street, then a right turn on to South Street. A bus loading/un-loading zone pull-out is immediately after turn on to South Street. The bus may stay in the zone/un-loading zone.

Bus Turn-around and Parking Options (Call (360) 394-8499 if needed)
Continue down South Street & cross Suquamish Way NE into the large parking lot behind the House of Awakened Culture (HOAC) to turn-around or park. To return to the bus pull-out, turn left onto Suquamish Way NE from parking lot & proceed to Traffic Light and turn right on to Division Street, followed by right on to South Street.