4th of July fireworks

The 4th of July is a very special day in America when we celebrate our independence from the British. Every little town and big city will have parades, fairs and of course, FIREWORKS!

There are many places in the Seattle area to watch fireworks, don't miss out on this chance to experience this American holiday!

Gas Works Park at Lake Union
The most popular place to watch the Seattle fireworks show is Gas Works Park. If you want to get a good spot you'll have to get there early, but there are activities and food vendors nearby to make the day fun. Be sure to check the entrance rules and other info at http://family4th.org/information before you go.

Bellevue Downtown Park
The City of Bellevue presents a fireworks show along with a day of live performances, food vendors and activities. Please visit http://bellevue.com/fireworks.php for details.

Kent’s Fourth of July Splash
If smaller, less crowded events are more your style, check out Kent’s fireworks show at Lake Meridian Park. Visit For http://kentwa.gov/arts/splash/ for more information.

Sea-Tac Family Fourth of July
Angle Lake Park

Federal Way Red, White & Blues Festival
Celebration Park

Renton’s Fabulous 4th of July
Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park
http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=5920

4th of July fun

Enjoy your Highline life!
June 30, 2014

Rotating Restaurant: I Love Ramen!
Let's EAT delicious food at I Love Ramen! Meet up with us in front of building 6 at 4:30pm to take the public bus, or meet at the restaurant at 5:30pm on your own. Address: 31254 Pacific Hwy. S., Federal Way, WA 98003

Holi Color Festival
Seattle Center Mural Amphitheater
July 5th from 12:00pm-5:00pm

With roots in Indian tradition, Color Festival is an invitation to have fun, give love, and leave feeling colorful inside and out. Enjoy a spectacular line-up of live musicians, dance, yoga instructors, vegetarian cuisine, and of course the famous COLOR throws that have sparked a world-wide trend. For detailed information and ticket sales, visit http://www.colorfestival.com/locations/Seattle.
Seattle Seafair Festival
The Seafair Festival was designed to attract tourists and highlight marine events in our city of water. The festival runs from June to August and features parades, boat races, air shows, amateur athletic events, and community festivals around the Seattle area. Don’t Wait! Many Seafair events require advanced ticket sales, so check out the schedule of events at http://www.seafair.com/ to make your plans!

Spend the summer with nature

Summer is a great time to explore the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. There are hundreds of amazing hiking trails around Seattle and throughout Washington State. We have old growth forests, urban parks, waterfalls, lakes, beaches and meadows, so get out and experience the outdoor lifestyle of your adopted home.

Check out these resources for finding a hike to suit you!

Washington Trails Association:

Hikes of the Week
http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/seasonal-hikes/hikes-of-the-week

Ten Great Waterfall Hikes
http://www.wta.org/go-hiking/seasonal-hikes/spring-destinations/waterfall-hikes

Dark Places for Stargazing

Located in Central Washington, Palouse Falls National Park features rivers, waterfalls, meadows and wildlife.

Seattle Magazine

Best Hikes with Views
http://www.seattlemag.com/article/best-hikes-views

Best Hikes into Old Growth Forest
http://www.seattlemag.com/article/best-hikes-old-growth-forest

Best Hikes to see Wildflowers
http://www.seattlemag.com/article/best-hikes-see-wildflowers

Best Hikes for Wildlife Spotting
http://www.seattlemag.com/article/best-hikes-wildlife-spotting

Chinatown International District Dragon Fest
The Chinatown International District Dragon Fest on July 12-13 includes activities, cultural performances, $2 Food Walk, Anime Costume Contest, and over 100 booths featuring arts & crafts, local business, community organizations and more.

Seafair Milk Carton Derby
Saturday, July 12, 10am - 3pm
Green Lake

It’s been a Seattle tradition for 44 years: nearly 100 colorful milk carton boats of all shapes and design will compete on the waters of Green Lake. It’s a milk carton boat parade!