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LIGHT Reading

PLAN YOUR VISIT TO SKAGIT TOURS

Seattle City Light and the North Cascades Institute invite you to join Skagit Tours this summer and explore the stunning North Cascades. These tours have been sharing the beauty of the Pacific Northwest for nearly 100 years. Don't just take our word for it! Here's what visitors have said:

"Energetic, fun, informative guides brought it all to life!"

"I would give you guys 100 stars if I could. This was just so much more than I hoped for. It was also my parent's first national park and I couldn't ask for a better experience."

"This was an exceptionally fun, very thoughtful, and informative experience."

About the Tours

Skagit Tours offers morning and afternoon boat tours on Diablo Lake aboard the Alice Ross IV. This glass-roofed boat gives you incredible views of the glacier-fed waters, whether you're inside or outside the boat. During the tour, you'll learn about the local ecosystem, enjoy breathtaking scenery, and hear the story of the nearby dams and powerhouses. These tours highlight City Light's commitment to providing carbon-neutral energy and protecting cultural and natural resources.

Why visit?

Whether you're a first-time visitor or returning after a few years, Skagit Tours offers a one-of-a-kind experience. The tour season runs from July through September, so don't miss out! Plan your North Cascades adventure today at skagittours.com or call (360) 854-2589.



Other Activities in the Area

If you can't join a tour this summer, there are plenty of other ways to explore the area:

- Visit nearby attractions like Ladder Creek Falls and the Trail of the Cedars.
- Take a walking tour around the historic town of Newhalem and visit the gallery inside the Gorge Powerhouse to learn more about how power is produced.
- Explore the award-winning North Cascades Institute's Environmental Learning Center.
- The Skagit Information Center opens in May, where you can find more information. Details for the 2025 tour season are available on our website: skagittours.com.

Start planning your visit today!



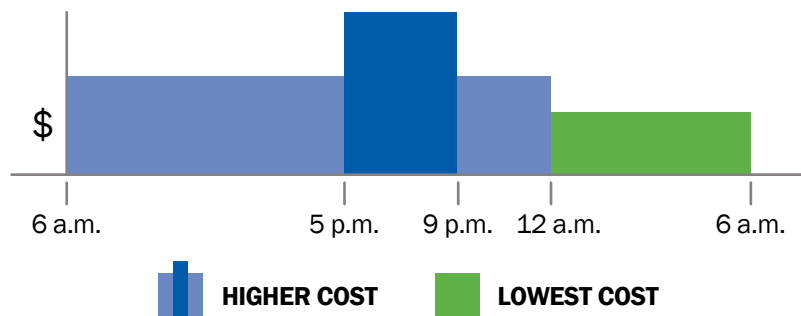
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COMING SUMMER 2025: TIME OF USE RATE

We are introducing a Time of Use (TOU) rate in 2025, which can help give you more control over your energy costs. With TOU rates, the price of electricity depends on when you use it. Prices are lower during off-peak hours and higher during peak hours. By shifting some of your energy use to mid- or off-peak times, you can save money and help make the electric grid more efficient. Stay informed as we get closer to launch. Sign up for email updates and learn more about TOU rates at seattle.gov/city-light/residential-rates



Time of use rates approved by Seattle City Council in 2022.

WHY DO WE PRUNE TREES AWAY FROM POWER LINES?

Pruning promotes power reliability and cost savings. Trees touching or falling onto power lines can cause power outages. Repairing lines from these events is expensive. To help keep costs low and reduce power outages, we maintain trees away from power lines. Our Power Line Clearance team follows the "Utility Pruning of Trees, Best Management Practices," published by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). An ISA certified arborist leads each crew to safely remove branches following these best practices. Do you have tree pruning questions? Contact the Vegetation Management team at SCLVegetation@seattle.gov or call (206) 386-1733.

SUPPORTING EACH OTHER WITH PROJECT SHARE

Since 1990, we've helped customers pay overdue electricity bills through Project Share, an emergency program funded by community donations. Project Share is a registered charity in Washington state that offers assistance to help pay for essential electricity services.

How you can help: Consider donating today at seattle.gov/city-light/donate. Contributions are tax-deductible and directly support those in need. Your help ensures families stay safe and comfortable with the electricity they need.

If you need help: Project Share is available to eligible residential customers. Learn more at seattle.gov/city-light/project-share.



City Light crews are always working to provide reliable service. The following projects continue across our service area:

- Updating electrical infrastructure for streetlights and floodlights.
- Installing public Level 2 electric vehicle chargers at curbside locations.
- Replacing aging utility poles to enhance safety and reliability.

Learn more about projects in your area by visiting seattle.gov/city-light/current-projects.

SAFETY TIP FROM THE FIELD: MYLAR BALLOONS



Mylar balloons are made of metallic material. If one touches a power line or electrical equipment, it can cause a surge of electricity. This may lead to power outages or even a fire.

If you're celebrating with mylar balloons, always keep them securely tied down and dispose of them properly after use.

Learn more about staying safe at: powerlines.seattle.gov/mylarballoons