

A row of wooden oars hanging on a wall. The oars are made of various types of wood and some have been painted in different colors like red, green, and purple. The text 'MARITIME WASHINGTON NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

MARITIME WASHINGTON NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation



National Heritage Areas

- Designated by Congress
- Landscapes of national importance
- Supported by National Park Service but managed locally
- Non-regulatory
- Build partnerships to better tell the stories of these places and support communities in maintaining and sharing their unique resources
- Responsive to locally identified needs



What kinds of things do NHAs do?

Responsive to locally identified needs, National Heritage Areas can support historic preservation, economic development, environmental conservation, tourism, education, recreation, research, and more. NHAs have:

Developed regional branding

Coordinated national destination marketing campaigns

Created websites and apps for visitors

Partnered on projects to rehabilitate historic resources

Organized regional buses, bike shares, and other visitor transport

Collaborated on statewide K-12 curriculum

Run field trips, summer camps, and other educational programs

Operated small grant programs

Convened regionwide summits and conferences

Offered technical support, consulting, and trainings

Supported exhibit designs

Put up wayfinding and interpretive signage

Organized tours

Hosted or supported existing festivals

Promoted land conservation

Organized volunteer opportunities

Run oral history and documentation projects

More...



Maritime Washington National Heritage Area

- Designated by Congress in 2019
- 3,000 miles of coastline from Grays Harbor County to the Canadian border.
- 18 federally recognized Tribes, 13 counties, 32 incorporated cities, and 30 port districts.
- First and only NHA in the country focused entirely on maritime heritage.
- Washington Trust is coordinating entity

Next step: management plan

- Road map for the heritage area.
- What will the Maritime Washington NHA look like?
- What will it do? How?
- Required by Congress
- 3 years to complete and submit to National Park Service for approval
- Non-regulatory!



Opportunities to get involved

- Attend a virtual workshop this month! 5:00-6:45 pm on Zoom
 - **April 15:** Kitsap & Mason
 - **April 20:** Whatcom & Skagit
 - **April 27:** Jefferson, Clallam, & Grays Harbor
 - **April 29:** Pierce & Thurston
 - **May 4:** King & Snohomish
 - **May 6:** Island & San Juan
- Identify locations that are important to you with online map
- Take the maritime survey
- Review the draft management plan later this year





THANK YOU!

Questions? Ideas? Good maritime puns? Please reach out to:

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