

WASHINGTON

I suppose it's like a sibling rivalry. While many Oregon beer lovers concern themselves with the question of which state produces better beer, Washington's beer lovers just like to drink good beer and harbor no jealousy or ill will for our beer-loving brethren to the south. It is a matter of irrefutable fact that the first post-Prohibition brewpub opened in Washington in 1981 and started the whole craft beer revolution. In other words, Washington invented the modern American brewpub. I guess it's true: Mom always did like us best.—Kendall Jones



ELLIOTT BAY BREWERY PUB—SEATTLE (WEST SEATTLE)

1415 1st Ave. || (206) 622-6044
|| elliottbaybrewing.com

Since 1997 the Elliott Bay Brewery Pub has been serving great beer and food to the people of West Seattle. It is a quintessential neighborhood pub and eatery, the kind of place where everyone knows

each other by name, and the bartender often knows what you'll order before you say it. The staff extends the same warm welcome to newcomers as well. While the food menu is certain to make you drool, don't overlook the award-winning beers. The ahi tacos and Luna Weizen is a favorite pairing. Locals will point you to the Alembic Pale Ale, the No Doubt Stout or one of the brewery's seasonal creations. What's more, the beer is USDA Certified Organic. The company opened a second location in nearby Burien a few years ago, and more recently opened a third location in north Seattle, but the West Seattle pub is our top pick.



EVERYBODY'S BREWING—WHITE SALMON

151 East Jewett Blvd. || (509) 637-2774 || everybodysbrewing.com

Located in the little town of White Salmon overlooking the Columbia River, this brewery and pub is just a stone's throw from Hood River, Ore. Everybody's Brewing opened in 2009 and is a relative newcomer to the scene. In its previous life, the old building housed a sporting goods store, an Odd Fellows hall, and who knows what else. The space offers tons of natural light and beautifully aged wooden posts and beams. Try your hand at some shuffleboard or step outside onto the deck to behold the breathtaking view of Mount Hood. To accompany the world-class view, consider a Country Boy IPA or a Daily Bread Common Ale. Order a burger "XXX Style," and they'll add peanut butter and pickles to it (recommended). Friday nights typically feature live music and an energetic crowd.

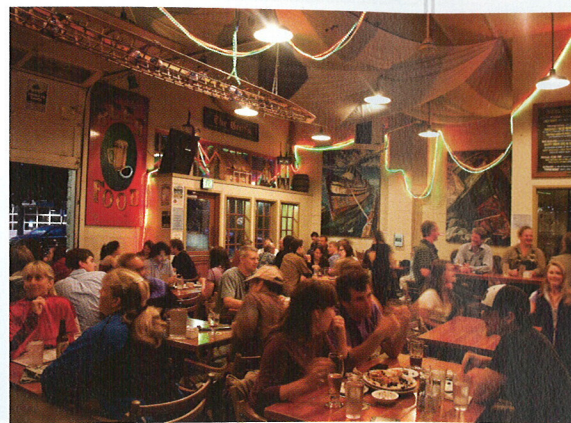




PIKE PUB AND BREWERY— SEATTLE (DOWNTOWN)

1415 1st Ave. || (206) 622-6044 || pikebrewing.com

A few steps away from the Pike Place Market, one of the Northwest's most recognizable tourist destinations, you'll find the Pike Pub and Brewery. For many out-of-state visitors, this is all they will see of our local craft beer culture. Charles and Rose Ann Finkel, owners of the venerable brewpub, gladly accept this responsibility. In addition to great beer and food, the pub is home to one of the most complete collections of beer and brewing memorabilia in the country. You can spend hours gazing at the walls, exploring the history of beer as told through placards, tin signs and other museum pieces. Although Pike Pub welcomes thousands of tourists every year, local beer geeks appreciate its atmosphere, its beer, and its important place in the history of the Seattle beer scene.



BOUNDARY BAY BREWERY & BISTRO—BELLINGHAM

1107 Railroad Ave. || (360) 647-5593
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In Bellingham, when the locals say they are going to "the pub," there is a very high likelihood that they're talking about Boundary Bay Brewery & Bistro. Located in heart of the city, just down the street from Western Washington University, this large brewpub opened in 1996 and quickly endeared itself to the local community. Boundary Bay is a favorite amongst families, college students, outdoor adventurers and everyone else. The award-winning beer speaks for itself: the IPA is legendary, the Scotch Ale remarkable. For years, regulars have been recommending the Yam Alechiladas paired with the Extra Special Bitter. The pub (21 and over) and restaurant are as inviting and comfortable as the beer garden is enchanting. On your way to or from Canada, or after a wintry day at nearby Mount Baker, a stop at Boundary Bay always satisfies.

ELYSIAN BREWING COMPANY—SEATTLE (CAPITOL HILL)

1221 East Pike St. || (206) 860-1920 || elysianbrewing.com

Located in one of Seattle's most colorful neighborhoods, the Elysian Brewing Company's flagship brewpub is one of the best places in Seattle for people-watching. Did I mention they have beer there? Large, exposed timbers and high ceilings give this pub a rustic ambience in a metropolitan environment. Having recently opened a large production facility across town, Elysian now uses this brewhouse solely to create seasonal and smaller batch beers. Still, the Capitol Hill pub remains the best place to sample Elysian's amazing array of beers. (There are two other Elysian pubs around Seattle.) Don't be afraid to try one of Brewmaster Dick Cantwell's more daring creations. The food menu is large and diverse; the beer menu is longer than your arm. Children of all ages are welcome (though I am not sure I have ever seen anyone under legal drinking age at this hip and urban pub).

