

## During Your Visit

The Port of Skagit is excited to offer limited access to these historical grounds to the public.

Here are a few reminders to help you enjoy your visit...

### SWIFT Center Public Access Hours

Winter Hours 7:00 am—5:30 pm

Summer Hours 7:00 am—9:00 pm

Public access IN and/or NEAR the buildings is prohibited for safety reasons, as well as to help preserve these historic, aging structures to the best of our ability.

Thank you for your understanding and observance of these guidelines, so we can continue to keep the designated public access areas of this beautiful campus open for everyone to enjoy.

## Our Vision & Goals

- Encourage private sector to create and sustain jobs
- Continue and promote public recreation use of SWIFT Center
- Protect environmentally sensitive areas, in particular Hansen Creek
- Acknowledge and protect historic significance of SWIFT Center
- Acknowledge and respect Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Nation's interests

## A Look at History

1912—Northern State Hospital opened.

1950's—Hospital served 2,200 patients with a staff of 415.

1973—Northern State Hospital closed.

1975—Campus site management of 225 acres transferred to state Department of Enterprise Services (DES).

1990—Skagit County creates Northern State Recreation Area (approx. 750 acres)

2010—Portion of site added to National Register of Historic Places as a District, including 56 buildings.

2013—DES initiates collaborative planning with local and state community partners.

2018—Ownership of campus is officially transferred from the State of Washington to the Port of Skagit.

2019—Public access was restored to designated outdoor areas of the historic campus grounds.



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# Welcome to the **SWIFT Center**



**Port of Skagit**

A Port of Skagit Property

## Visitor's Guide



WELCOME to the SWIFT Center, the former Northern State Hospital Campus.

This is a “working” campus, which means there are businesses located here with daily operations. Please be respectful of their space and privacy.

While the historic buildings are not open to the public, please enjoy the outdoor public access areas and Historic Route through the campus. For safety reasons, we ask that you don’t climb on, reach into, or touch the historic buildings.

Public use at own risk. Please observe the signs so that we may continue to remain an open campus. *Shaded areas below have no public access.*

