

Getting Ready to Come to Holden Village

Packing for Holden Village

What Should I Bring to Holden?

Great question! Answering this question is different for each person that comes. It depends upon how long you will be in the Village and during which seasons. We have included information about what it is like to live at Holden so you can make informed decisions on what to pack and what to leave behind. If you are in doubt about some items, it might be good to wait until you are here and see what is available. Often departing staff leave items they don't need that can benefit new staff.

Suggested Personal Items:

- Flashlight or Headlamp
- A favorite water bottle
- A favorite coffee mug (we suggest something insulated with a lid)
- Closed-toe shoes with good tread
- Clothes you don't mind getting wet and dirty (for dish-team and garbology)
- A **battery** operated alarm clock (power fluctuations interfere with electrical items)
- A swimsuit for the sauna or jumping in Lake Chelan
- Toiletries
- Checkbook or cash (Holden accepts credit or debit cards in the store only)
- Surge protector for electronics
- If you will be receiving a salary or stipend, be sure to bring your passport OR state photo ID plus a birth certificate or social security card

Clothing Suggestions – Summer:

The weather in the summer is often hot and dry, but evenings continue to be cool most of the summer. It does rain occasionally in the summer and more often in the spring and fall.

- Rain Gear.
- Good sturdy walking shoes – all paths are uneven gravel or rock paths.
- Sun protective clothing and sun screen.
- Bug repellent

Clothing Suggestions – Winter:

The weather in the winter ranges in temperatures from very cold (0 degrees) to hovering right around 32 degrees. It is very snowy.

- Waterproof and warm winter boots, with good tread
- Plenty of warm, preferably wool socks
- Poly-propylene or silk long underwear
- Winter jacket
- Gloves, mittens and hats
- Gaiters are nice for keeping snow off your pant legs (can be purchased at any outdoor store)
- Yak-Traks – these can be worn over the soles of your shoes to give you more traction for walking on snow

****Dress at Holden** is generally very casual, but there are special occasions and holidays when people dress up a bit more. There are also plenty of costume/goofy dress up occasions for which you can bring things with you or visit the Holden costume shop.

Please do NOT bring: cellular and satellite phones (no cell service in this location) pets, candles or incense (no open flames are allowed), illegal drugs (including marijuana as we are on Federal Land), or firearms, non-essential electrical items. If you will be on staff for more than three weeks, you will have internet access and we have a couple of common area computers that staff may use. Or, you are welcome to bring your own device.

Suggestions from previous staff who lived in the Village year round:

- photo and wall decorations
- a few Christmas decorations
- Games
- DVDs
- Books that are special to you
- Snacks, beverages, and teas you enjoy
- A bedside or reading lamp (Holden has a limited supply of these)
- Favorite recipes
- Medical records (if coming for a year or more) – it is helpful to have these with you.

Travel to Holden Village

Getting to Holden

Holden Village is located in North Central Washington in a remote area near Lake Chelan. You can travel to Holden only by a scenic boat ride boarding either in the town of Chelan or at Field's Point Landing (16 miles uplake). An 10-mile ride in a Holden vehicle completes the journey to the Village.

Air, bus, and train service connect Wenatchee with Spokane and Seattle. Limited bus transportation (LINK bus) is available from Wenatchee to Chelan.

Holden meets the boat daily from May through September. At other times of the year Holden does not meet every boat. See the Holden Website or contact registration for exact dates that Holden meets the boat.

Please contact the Lake Chelan Boat Company (509-682-2224) or see their website www.ladyofthelake.com for current boat schedule and fare information.

Rideshare information can be found on the Holden Village Facebook page.

Travel by Car

Consult a road map for your best route to Chelan. Parking is available at the Lake Chelan Boat Company and at Field's Point Landing. The Field's Point parking lot is supervised by Holden Village staff members and includes rest rooms, a pay telephone (credit or phone card only), and concession stand. Plan to arrive 30 to 40 minutes before the boat departure time so you will have time to take your luggage to the dock and park and lock your car. Volunteer staff may request a Field's Point parking permit from staff coordination prior to their arrival. Check the rideshare info on the website if you are able to offer a ride.

Travel by Train

Amtrak stops in Wenatchee, 35 miles from Chelan. Call Amtrak, 1-800-872-7245, for schedules or look online: www.amtrak.com. The LINK bus pickups from Columbia Station where the train stops in Wenatchee.

Travel by Bus (Regional and Local)

There is bus service from Spokane and Seattle to Wenatchee with connections to Chelan. Call 1-800-366-3830 (Trailways) or Greyhound 1-800-231-2222 for information.

LINK, a region bus company operates between Wenatchee and Chelan. It does not run on Sundays or holidays. The fare is \$2.00 (exact change only). Call 509-662-1155 or look on their website (www.linktransit.com) for specifics on times and luggage restrictions. If you are traveling with a large group they ask to be notified in advance. They will drop you directly at the boat dock if you ask.

Travel by Air

United Express and Horizon Airlines both have connections from Seattle to Wenatchee. There is no public transportation from the airport. Hotels often have shuttles, otherwise taxi service is available.

Travel by Taxi

The following carriers provide service between Wenatchee and Chelan: Lake Chelan Cab Company (Manson, 509-687-TAXI); AAA Taxi Service (East Wenatchee, 509-886-4222); A Cab & Carrier (Wenatchee, 509-886-4222) or Apple Valley Tours (Chelan, 509-682-3686).

Delay Due to Travel

If you miss a travel connection and will not be arriving on your confirmed date of arrival, please notify us in one of the following ways:

Email Staff Coordination: staffing@holdenvillage.org

Holden B&B: 509/687-9695

Village Emergency Message Service: 254/377-8801 or 509/699-2404

Holden Village is not responsible for costs incurred due to missed travel connections.

Lodging

Since the boat to Holden leaves early in the morning, most people arrive in Chelan/Wenatchee a day prior to their arrival in the Village. Some hotels/motels may give a discount for Holden staff during off-peak times. Please inquire prior to making reservations.

HOLDEN VILLAGE BED & BREAKFAST: Just 3 miles uplake from Field's Point Landing, the Holden Bed & Breakfast is operated as a convenience for Holden Village guests and staff. For more information and to make a reservation call 509-687-9695. Holden Village staff with at least a three-week commitment receive a staff discount. B&B staff cannot provide shuttle service to/from the B&B. **The B&B is not accessible by public transportation.**

IN CHELAN: There are a number of lodging options in Chelan. A few of them are Riverwalk Inn, Lakeside Lodge and Suites, the Parkway Motel, Campbell's Lodge, the Midtowner Motel, the Apple Inn Motel, Brick House Bed & Breakfast, the Caravel Motel, and the Cabana Motel. We recommend you make reservations in advance, especially in the summer when Chelan is a bustling resort town. The Chamber of Commerce number is 509-682-3503.

IN WENATCHEE: Wenatchee is only 35 miles away from Chelan. A few motels are the Avenue Motel, Orchard Inn, Travelodge and the Red Lion, but these are just a few. Check a travel guidebook or call the Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce at 509-662-4774 or 1-800-57APPLE in-state. Again, make reservations in advance.

Luggage

The Lake Chelan Boat Company requires that all items be clearly labeled with your name and destination, Holden Village. Maximum baggage allowance is 75 pounds per full fare ticket, with charges for any excess. Backpacks, bags or boxes are restricted to 50 pounds each and must be able to be handled by one person. Be sure to check with the Lady of the Lake boat company for freights costs, particulars, and special item rates.

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Camping

Lake Chelan State Park and 25-Mile Creek Park are on the road from Chelan to 25-Mile Creek (just beyond Field's Point Landing). There is a municipal park in Chelan with facilities for trailers and campers and tents. Keep in mind that these sites fill fast in the summer.