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Traditional home of Suquamish and S'Klallam American Indian people

Located at the very heart of the Puget Sound, Kitsap County encompasses Bainbridge Island, Blake Island and the Kitsap Peninsula. Busy pioneer sawmills, fed by huge Northwest trees, once made this the richest county per capita in the United States. In 1891 the federal government commissioned a shipyard at Bremerton, ushering in a long-term Navy presence in Kitsap County.

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