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The Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association (BIJAEMA) is a non-profit organization that built and supports the maintenance and operation of the memorial. BIJAEMA relies on volunteers and the generous support of all those who are moved by the story that the Exclusion Memorial honors. Please consider donating to this ongoing project.

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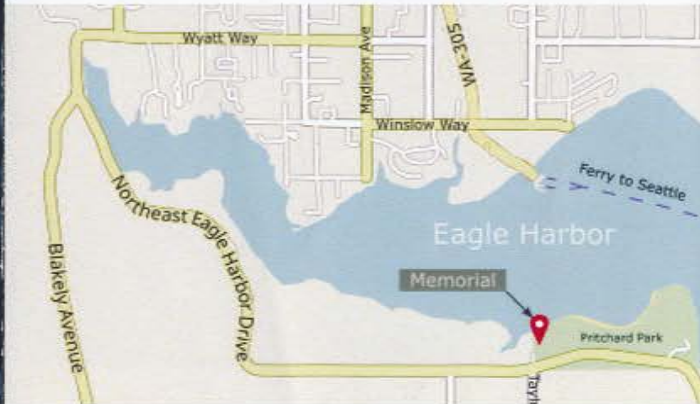
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**LOCATION:** Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial is located at Pritchard Park, 4192 Eagle Harbor Dr NE, Bainbridge Island, WA, 3.8 miles from the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal. On demand bus service can be arranged on Kitsap Transit's BI Ride. Call 844-424-7433 for current information.

**HOURS:** Open year-round during daylight hours.

**ADMISSION:** Free.



**SELF-GUIDED TOURS:**

Interpretive signs are located at waypoints throughout the Memorial. Begin at the Pavilion to learn about the unique history of Bainbridge Islanders of Japanese descent and their role in the community. Then follow the path down to the Memorial Wall and Departure Deck. A National Park Service ranger is on duty Friday through Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

**AUDIO TOUR:**

Enhance your visit with a free, informative audio tour at: [bijaema.org/history](http://bijaema.org/history).

**HOSTED TOURS:**

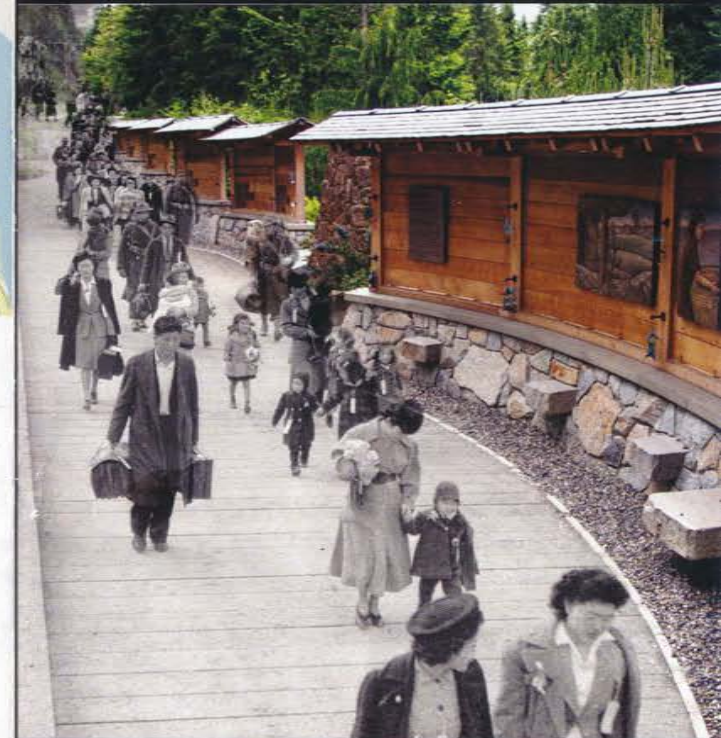
Special arrangements can be made for a guided tour. Please place your request at least 3 weeks in advance of your desired date. When you are ready to book your guided group tour, visit: [bijac.org/request-a-tour](http://bijac.org/request-a-tour).

*National Historic Site*

**THE BAINBRIDGE ISLAND  
JAPANESE AMERICAN  
EXCLUSION MEMORIAL**

*Nidoto Nai Yoni*

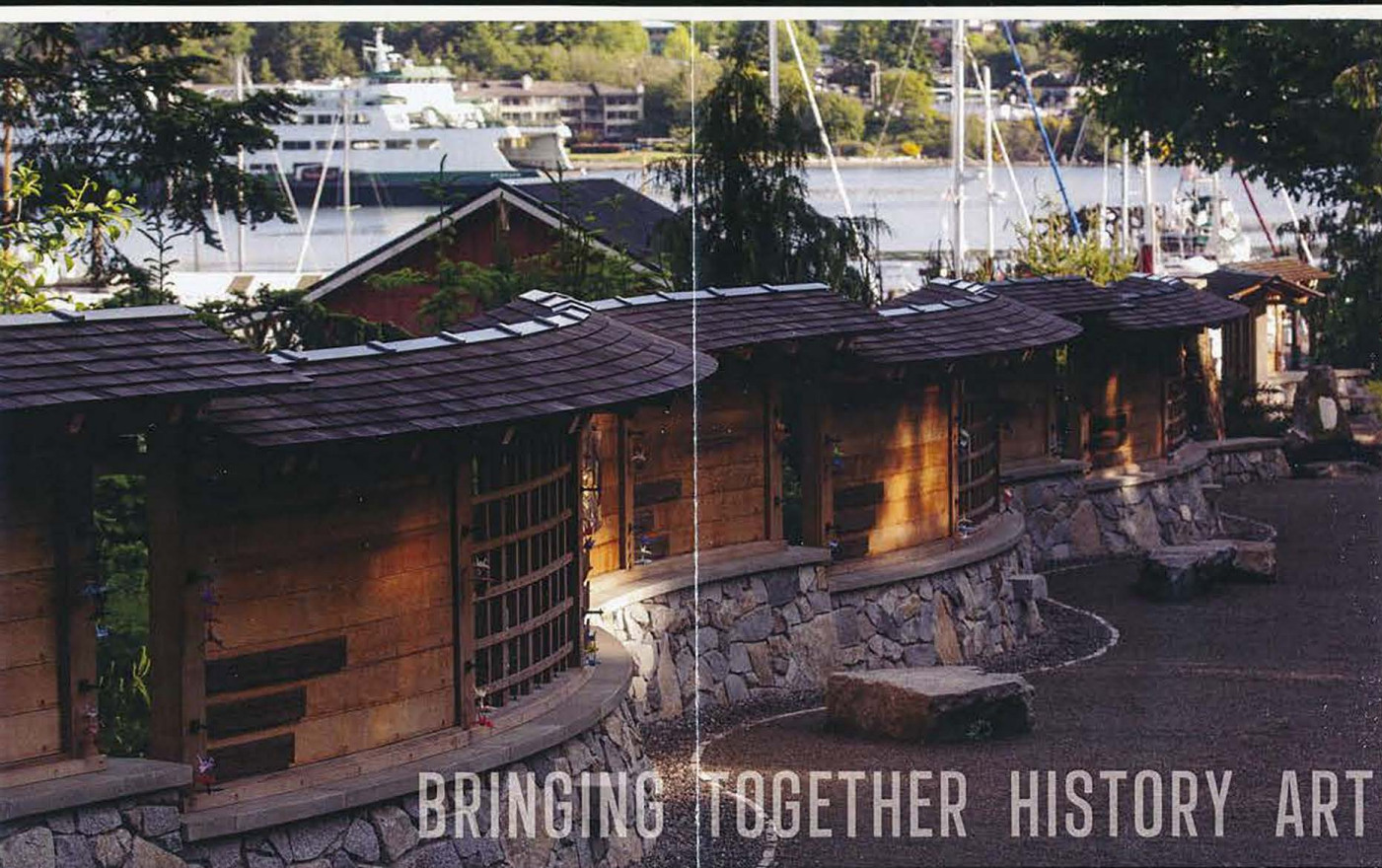
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**LIKE THE WAVES OF TIME PASSING**, the sinuous, curving Memorial Wall is built on the historic Eagledale Ferry Dock landing site where the first of more than 120,000 Japanese Americans—two-thirds of them United States citizens—were banished from their West Coast homes and placed in concentration camps during World War II.

**ON MARCH 30, 1942**, with only six days notice and only allowed to bring what they could carry or wear, 227 Bainbridge Island men, women and children were forcibly removed by U.S. Army soldiers. This was the first mass community to arrive at the Manzanar concentration camp in California, and later most were assigned to the last barracks at the Minidoka concentration camp in Idaho, becoming the emblematic bookends of the Japanese American incarceration story.

**THE 276 FOOT-LONG MEMORIAL WALL** of old-growth red cedar, granite and basalt honors the names of all 276 Bainbridge Islanders of Japanese descent living on the Island at the start of WWII, and who were exiled from their homes by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 and Civilian Exclusion Order No. 1. It also honors the unique legacy of a community that stood by its Japanese American friends and neighbors and welcomed them home. Five large terra cotta friezes along the Memorial Wall movingly illustrate this American story of perseverance, patriotism and courage.

**THE DEPARTURE DECK** stands at the exact location where Islanders approached the dock to board the ferry Kehloken, the start of an uncertain journey to their new home—unfinished barracks in the California desert.

