



## What to Eat in Friday Harbor, on Washington's San Juan Island



### The Bluff At Friday Harbor House

As your ferry arrives at San Juan Island, you'll see Friday Harbor House close to the dock. The inn's restaurant, The Bluff, served one of my favorite bites of the weekend: Flash-Fried Kelp & Calamari (\$12, with a one-quarter portion pictured). You can do fine dining at The Bluff (I recommend turning control to chef Kyle Nicholson and going with the seven course prix fixe menu), but the pickled bull kelp and calamari are also a perfect snack to go with a beer while sitting outside and watching ferries arrive, seaplanes land, and other harbor activity. The kelp and calamari have hazelnut and citrus dust and can be dipped in a delicious smoky tomato sauce. (You'll also find bull kelp in the tartar sauce that accompanies a Dungeness crab cake with foraged sea beans—which restored my faith in crab cakes after eating too many bready ones on so many of Seattle's menus.)

**The Bluff at Friday Harbor House:** 130 West Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 ([map](#)); 360-378-8455; [thebluffrestaurant.com](http://thebluffrestaurant.com)