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WHY NATURAL AREAS MATTER**

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36th VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, USA Natural Areas Conference

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FUN FACTS ABOUT WASHINGTON STATE AND VANCOUVER, WA, USA

Washington State

▶ Washington state is shaped, and re-shaped, by tectonic forces. The state's oldest rocks were uplifted, eroded, and then formed into the Selkirk Mountains in the northeast corner some 40 million years ago. The coastal Olympic Mountains formed about 17 million years ago. The central Cascade Range, with its active volcanoes, and the Blue Mountains of southeast Washington are our youngest, uplifted from 2 to 5 million years ago.

▶ The Columbia River is the largest river flowing from North America into the Pacific Ocean. With its mouth on the Washington-Oregon border and its headwaters 1,243 miles upstream in British Columbia, Canada, the river drains some 260,000 square miles.

▶ Puget Sound, Washington's inland sea, is a saltwater body with about 3,200 square miles of water surface and 2,354 miles of shoreline, holding about 168 billion cubic feet of water at a depth up to 930 feet.

▶ The Washington Department of Natural Resources manages 82 natural areas totaling 126,000 acres as part of its 5 million-acre upland and aquatic land portfolio.

▶ Washington is host to 12.9 million acres of federal lands, predominantly forestland and national parks.

Washington state icons you may recognize:

The Space Needle, Grand Coulee Dam, the Galloping Gertie bridge (rebuilt!), Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, the Columbia Gorge, Mima Mounds prairie formations, and the fictitious TV towns of Twin Peaks (North Bend, WA) and Sicily, Alaska (Roslyn, WA).

Famous Washingtonians:

Crooner Bing Crosby, rocker Jimi Hendrix, musician and conductor Quincy Jones, actress Hilary Swank, cartoonist Gary Larson, glass artist Dale Chihuly, comedian and perennial presidential candidate Pat Paulsen, bluesman Robert Cray, author Sherman Alexi, folk singer Judy Collins, mountaineer Jim Whittaker, Olympian Apolo Anton Ohno, actor Adam West (Batman), poet Richard Hugo, vaudevillian Gypsy Rose Lee, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, game show host Bob Barker, and software pioneer Bill Gates; as well as the bands Heart, Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Queensryche, Sleater-Kinney and Soundgarden.

Popular Washington state products:

Boeing airplanes, Starbucks coffee, Microsoft computer programs, Eddie Bauer clothing, REI equipment, Red Delicious apples, Walla Walla Sweet onions, Applets & Cotlets confections, Weyerhaeuser wood products, Columbia Valley wines, Nordstrom retail outlets and Amazon.com EVERYTHING.

Vancouver, WA

▶ The City of Vancouver, WA, USA was incorporated in 1857, making the USA's Vancouver nearly 30 years older than Canada's Vancouver!

▶ With the establishment of Fort Vancouver in 1825, Vancouver USA is the oldest permanent Euro-American settlement in the Pacific Northwest.

▶ Vancouver USA, named after British explorer Captain George Vancouver, is the landing site of the first transpolar flight in 1937 from Moscow, USSR; taking more than 63 hours.

Annual Precipitation

Vancouver, WA: 39.20"

Eugene, OR: 49.37"

Houston, TX: 46.07"

Memphis, TN: 52.01"

New York, NY: 41.59"

Source: National Climatic Data Center

Monthly Average Temperatures

August:

79° F (Av. High)

53° F (Av. Low)

September:

74° F (Av. High)

49° F (Av. Low)

October:

64° F (Av. High)

43° F (Av. Low)