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# MOUNT ST. HELENS

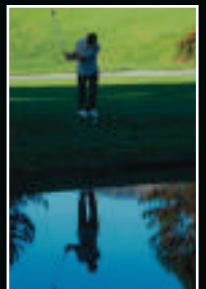
National Volcanic Monument



OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE



## MOUNT ST. HELENS & COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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# AWESOME!



## Welcome to Cowlitz County ~ Your Gateway to Mount St. Helens

*One stop and you'll understand why life is good here. Friendly people, numerous cultural offerings and an abundance of recreational opportunities make Cowlitz County a great place to live or visit.*

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## “Vancouver — This is it!”

— David Johnston, USGS Field Geologist  
December 1949–May 18, 1980



At 8:32 a.m. on May 18, 1980, a 5.1 magnitude earthquake shook Mount St. Helens, triggering a massive explosion. The release of gases trapped inside the volcano sent 1,300 vertical feet of mountaintop rocketing outward to the north. Super-heated ash roared 60,000 feet into a cloudless blue sky. The cataclysmic blast – carrying winds that reached 670 miles per hour and temperatures of 800 degrees Fahrenheit – flattened 230 square miles of forest. Elk, deer and other wildlife were obliterated. Fifty-seven people were killed including USGS scientist David Johnston. The largest landslide in recorded history swept through the Toutle River Valley, choking pristine rivers and lakes with mud, ash and shattered timber, eradicating trout and salmon.

After the eruption, only a moonscape remained.

In 1982, the United States Congress established the 110,000-acre Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to preserve a portion of the blast zone for scientists, educators and visitors. Thoughtful planning and the cooperative efforts of the USDA, Forest Service, Weyerhaeuser and private and citizen organizations, have ensured that the history of the eruption will forever be accessible as a living laboratory.



*Photos courtesy of USGS, Vancouver*



## Reborn from Ash

Twenty-seven years after the eruption, the mountain continues to astound visitors. A lava dome on the crater floor has grown steadily since 1980, adding 88 million cubic yards of material and 1,363 feet in height. Earthquakes and minor eruptions are common today. If the growth of the dome continues at its current pace, the 3.7 billion cubic yards of material lost to the 1980 eruption could be replaced in 40 to 50 years.

Today, the land blooms anew. Fish once again fill the waterways, and wildflowers bend before cool mountain breezes. Elk and deer have returned to the surrounding hills. More than half-a-million visitors arrive each year to tour the world-class visitor centers and to hike, bike, fish and camp in the rugged landscape surrounding the mountain.



# Experience the Majesty

Five world-class visitor centers, each with a unique perspective, provide insight into the mountain, her history and lessons learned.



Silver Lake Visitor Center is a lodge-style facility offering wetland trails, exhibits, a movie, and a walk-through model of Mount St. Helens. RV drop is available for your day trip up the mountain. Milepost 5. (360)274-0962

Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center includes a gift shop, restaurant, viewing deck, displays, glass-blowing studio and a memorial grove dedicated to victims of the eruption. Helicopter tours provide spectacular views of the blast zone. Milepost 27. (360)274-7750



The Forest Learning Center is operated by Weyerhaeuser and celebrates the return of the forest to Mount St. Helens. The center features a playground, picnic area, elk viewpoint, hands-on and multi-media presentations. Free admission. Milepost 33.5. (360)414-3439

Coldwater Visitor Center sits above Coldwater Lake, formed by the 1980 eruption. The facility provides a movie, interpretive trail and exhibits that explain the eruption's effects on plants and wildlife and demonstrate the rebirth that has taken place. Milepost 43. (360)274-2114



Johnston Ridge Observatory features interpretive talks, eyewitness accounts of the eruption, a wide-screen theatre presentation, geological exhibits, and magnificent views of the crater and emerging lava dome. Located just seven miles north of the volcano at Milepost 52. (360)274-2140

Cowlitz County offers two popular routes to access the multitude of recreational opportunities in the Monument. State Route 504, the Spirit Lake Memorial Highway, follows the 51 mile northern corridor along the Toutle River Valley beginning at I-5 exit 49 and terminating at the **Johnston Ridge Observatory**. This northern route affords visitors breathtaking views of the mountain, world class visitor centers and access to a host of attractions including the **Creation Museum**, a free non-profit visitor center that features the 7 Wonders of Mount St. Helens where visitors can schedule a guided tour or hike through volcanic changed landscapes and learn up-to-date scientific evidence for creation and a young earth.

The Memorial Grove at Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center offers contemplative views of the Toutle River Valley mudflows and a peaceful hiatus to reflect on the momentous events of the May 18, 1980 eruption. Take some time to honor those individuals who perished during the eruption of Mount St. Helens with a peaceful walk through this memorial planting.

Elk Rock at milepost 37 marks the northernmost entry into the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. From this vantage point the eruption of Mount St. Helens reinforces an appreciation for the power of nature and how such large-scale disturbances can shape the environment.

Cowlitz County Tourism Bureau's new website [www.visitMtStHelens.com](http://www.visitMtStHelens.com) is your complete source for information.

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Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center

Mount St. Helens entered a new eruptive phase in the fall of 2004 resulting in a dome building period that continues today. Between October 2004 and February 2007, about 88 million cubic meters of dacite lava erupted immediately south of the 1980-86 lava dome. The erupting lava separated the glacier into two parts, squeezing the east arm of the glacier against the east crater wall and then causing a spectacular crevassing and broad uplift of the glacier's west arm.



Johnston Ridge Observatory

### Eruption Glass



Watch the world's only ash glass production art studio in action as renowned artist and owner Lloyd Gladson leads his team in creating fantastic glass art and jewelry from volcanic ash. The Original Mount St. Helens Volcanic Ash Glassworks is located at the Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center.

Initial experimentation with the Mount St. Helens ash revealed its unique properties when used in making hand-blown glass as it creates greenish or emerald hues instead of the typical volcanic obsidian black. Watch as the artists dip their rods into the 2400 degree molten ash glass and fashion ornaments, hummingbird feeders, paperweights and other popular treasures from the volcano that are shipped throughout the world.



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## A Higher Plane

Mount St. Helens is open to 100 climbers daily from March 31 to October 31, with most using the Monitor Ridge route starting at the Climbers Bivouac on the south side of the mountain. The route gains 4,500 feet in five miles to the crater rim at an elevation of 8,365 feet. Round-trip climbing time is typically seven to twelve hours. Permits must be obtained in advance. Oregon Peak Adventures offers guided climbs. Permits are available at [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org)



### Ape Cave

Ape Cave, the nation's third longest lava tube, is located on the south edge of Mount St. Helens in the Lewis River Valley. The cave was formed 2,000 years ago when lava pouring off the south flank began to melt into the rock and soil. This thermal erosion created a tube that transported lava for nearly a year. The result is a 13,042-foot cave that is open for exploration and is easily accessible.

Two routes are available to visitors. The lower cave is three-quarters of a mile long, with the trip taking about an hour to complete. At one and a half miles, the upper cave is longer and more technical. Cavers must be capable of climbing over 27 boulder piles and scaling an eight-foot high lava fall and should allow two-and-a-half hours for the trip.

The southern route to the monument begins at exit 21 off I-5 at Woodland. The State Route 503 highway meanders eastward along the Lewis River, passing rural vistas and the shores of Lake Merwin and Lake Yale enroute to the monument entrance. The southern portion of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument offers multiple opportunities to witness mature landscapes unaffected by the 1980 eruption as well as ancient volcanic activity from centuries-old eruptions.

Popular attractions include the **Ape Cave**, where visitors can explore an ancient lava tube, and the **Trail of Two Forests**, a quarter-mile boardwalk trail through a frozen landscape of lava. Touch the molds and impressions of an ancient forest decimated by a lava flow some 2,000 years ago. Crawl through a 50' mold left behind from a tree swallowed by lava. Witness the ancient destruction contrasted with the vibrant green forests which have returned.

The **Lewis River Falls** offer an opportunity to view a beautiful series of waterfalls from the mountain's southern tributary. Access to the Falls is via Forest Road 90. Take time to enjoy the solitude of eight spectacular falls only a few minutes walk from parking areas. For the more adventurous, plan an extra few hours and hike the valley of the waterfalls trail via Lewis River Trail #31 which winds through magnificent old-growth forests.

The **Lahar Viewpoint** past June Lake on Forest Road 83 offers exceptional views of geologic formations of previous volcanic events.



Lava Canyon



Make sure to take time to see **Lava Canyon**, at the terminus of Forest Road 83, where roaring water crashes through raw bedrock. The scar where trees and soil were scoured down to bedrock can still be seen here.

The **Windy Ridge Viewpoint**, located at the end of Forest Road 99 provides a stunning overlook to a vast

pumice plain. At 4,000 feet, you can look up to Mount St. Helens and down to Spirit Lake. **Harry's Ridge** to the right of your view is named after Harry Truman, keeper of the Spirit Lake Lodge, who was killed when the huge avalanche buried his resort. Plan to venture up the 418 steps to an unforgettable perspective of the volcano and Spirit Lake. The Mount St. Helens Institute offers a variety of half day and full day interpretive field trips.

For complete information on climbing, backpacking, and hiking Mount St. Helens, contact **Oregon Peak Adventures**, 1-877-965-5100 or 503-297-5100. [www.oregonpeakadventures.com](http://www.oregonpeakadventures.com)

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**Experience** Mount St. Helens through engaging half-day to three-day programs.

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 Educational materials are available for sale at the Mount St. Helens Visitors Center, Coldwater Visitors Center and Johnston Ridge Observatory.  
 (360)274-2125 [www.nwpubliclands.com](http://www.nwpubliclands.com)

## Northwest Native American History

Don Smith, also known as Lelooska, was a noted Native American artist, storyteller and leader of the Northwest Coast Indian art renaissance. Lelooska is especially well known for his totem poles, which can be viewed at the library in Camas, at the Oregon Historical Society and the Portland Art Museum in Portland, at the intersection of Commerce and Broadway in Longview, and on the waterfront in Kalama.

The totem poles feature mythical forms, symbols and creatures from Northwest Native American culture. The tallest pole, which is located in Kalama, measures 140 feet and was carved from a 700-year-old Western Red Cedar.

Since 1977, the Lelooksa Foundation has sponsored living history programs, workshops, classes and museum tours at its facility east of Woodland on Highway 503. Lelooska family members also bring to life the stories, songs and dances of the coastal Kwakwaka'wakw nation in public performances each spring and fall. Please see website: [www.lelooska.org](http://www.lelooska.org)



## Make Some Waves



When it comes to water-based recreation, the opportunities in Cowlitz County are virtually endless.

There's flyfishing in 100 alpine lakes in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the chance to wet a line in dozens of mountain streams, rivers and tributaries that teem with salmon, steelhead and trout. Numerous lakes and reservoirs provide additional access to fish and fun.

Kayak or canoe in the tidal estuaries on the Lower Columbia, taking in the wealth of nature and wildlife on the Great River of the West. Jump waves and wakes with the jet skiers on the lakes,

rivers and reservoirs. Take flight with sailboarders on the Columbia, west of County Line Park. Whether your favorite activity is tubing, water skiing, sailing, boating, rafting down the Toutle or Cowlitz rivers on a warm summer day, or soaking up the sun at one of the county's many swimming spots, we have it all.

Southwest Washington offers more than 30 launch sites for anglers, water skiers, jet skiers and boaters. Public launches are available on the Cowlitz, Kalama, Lewis, and Columbia rivers, as well as at Silver and Kress lakes and Yale and Swift reservoirs.

[www.visitMtStHelens.com](http://www.visitMtStHelens.com)

## Tour de Blast Zone

Don't pass up the chance to turn a crank on the shoulder of an active volcano! The Ape Canyon ride, which begins on the south side of Mount St. Helens, is one of the Northwest's premier mountain biking treks, with varied landscapes and incredible vistas. Great single-track also awaits at Siouxon Creek, Lewis River and Old Man Pass, while Smith Creek, Norway Pass and South Coldwater are ready to challenge more advanced riders. Check for information about local trails at Byman's Bikes and Bob's Pedal Power in Longview.

Tour de Blast is the essential event for road bikers, attracting crowds in excess of 1,000 each year. The 84-mile route from Toutle to Johnston Ridge takes riders into the very heart of the blast zone.





If you're a fisherman, Southwest Washington is paradise, with streams, rivers and lakes holding a staggering array of fish stocks. No matter the time of year, there's always a fish biting somewhere. The Cowlitz, Lewis, Toutle and Kalama rivers are among the most revered steelhead streams in the Northwest. The Columbia offers reliable salmon and sturgeon runs. Try your luck with kokanee at Yale Reservoir, tiger

muskies and coho at Merwin Reservoir, and rainbow trout at Swift Reservoir. Silver Lake delivers excellent fishing for large mouth bass and is also a great spot to go after perch, bluegill and crappie. Kelso, once known as the smelt capital of the world, is an annual destination for hearty dip netters who wade into the Cowlitz River after their silvery prey. Stop at **Drew's Grocery** in Toutle to find out what's biting and where.



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Silver Lake

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# Play Around

From championship golf courses to heavenly trails to endless opportunities to fish, hunt, boat and ski, Cowlitz County is blessed with a bounty of recreational opportunities.

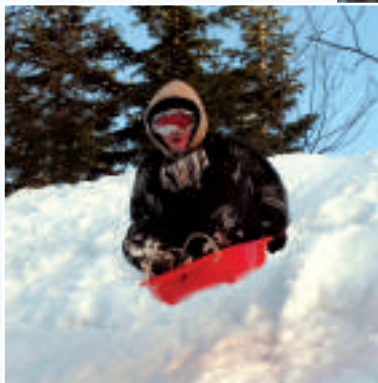
Many hiking options are available, including those listed for mountain biking. West side trails offer close-up views of the crater, newly formed lakes and the barren pumice plains. Hike on landslide deposits from the eruption and discover the new habitats that have emerged. East, beyond the reach of the volcano's destructive path, old-growth forests and lush vegetation offer a sharp contrast to the altered moonscape of the blast zone. The most popular area for hikers is the Mount Margaret back country north of St. Helens. The area features magnificent views of the crater and blast zone and access to a string of pristine alpine lakes.

On the south side of Mount St. Helens, the **Cougar and Marble Mountain Sno-Parks** provide snowmobilers with access to a total of 60 miles of groomed trail. Marble Mountain has 130 vehicle spaces while Cougar has 30 spaces. Trails are also open to cross-country skiers and snowshoers.

East of Woodland, the **Kalama Horse Camp** features 53 miles of scenic horse trails, as well as a picnic shelter, corral, loading ramp and 24 campsites. Bring the horses along for a memorable riding vacation. Follow S.R. 503 to the town of Cougar, then north on Forest Road 81.

For day-rides into the monument, **Eco-Park Resort** on S.R. 504 offers horse rentals and guided tours. Take a horseback adventure into the mudflow and hummocks area and view nature's resilience.

You can visit the **Gifford Pinchot National Forest's** website at [www.fs.fed.us/gpnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf) for hiking maps and a complete listing of monument trails.



Eco Park



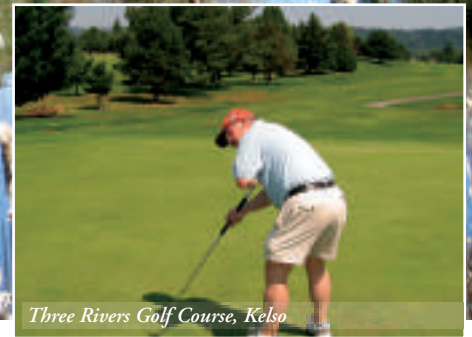
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*Three Rivers Golf Course, Kelso*

You're walking on the remnants of Mount St. Helens when you play the **Three Rivers Golf Course** (above) in Kelso. Constructed of dredge spoils from the 1980 eruptions, Three Rivers is one of the best-draining courses in the region. In Longview, the **Mint Valley Golf Course** prides itself on

greens that are always fast and in great condition and features a six-hole par three in addition to its 18-hole par 71 layout. Just east of Woodland, the **Lewis River Golf Course** offers a lush setting with river frontage and tree-lined fairways that will test the skill of any golfer.

The PNE Charitable Foundation sponsors an annual golf tournament at Kelso's Three Rivers Golf Course each summer. Dollars raised benefit organizations such as Juvenile Diabetes and Habitat for Humanity. The 2007 tournament will be August 17th. Interested? Please contact (360)703-0444



*Roosevelt Elk*

## *Wildlife & Hatchery Viewing*

Bring your binoculars or spotting scope and watch the large herd of elk that has returned to graze on the mudflow that inundated the Toutle River Valley. Excellent viewing spots include Hoffstadt Bluff and Weyerhaeuser's Forest Learning Center.

On the south side of the mountain, the Merwin Hatchery produces winter and summer steelhead and rainbow and sea-run cutthroat trout. The hatchery offers a self-guided tour that helps visitors understand the life cycle of the fish by viewing incubation trays and concrete holding ponds. ADA handicap accessible.

# Outdoor Living

Cowlitz County is a camper's dream offering a wide variety of venues for outdoor living. RVer's will find numerous campgrounds with easy pull-through spaces, reliable shore power, comfortable service facilities and friendly hosts. Tent campers and backpackers can choose from hundreds of unique campsites with access to fishing, hiking and water-based activities. Those wishing to stay in a cabin or yurt will find ample accommodations for single-family or group stays.

With 475 acres of beautiful forest and easy access to fishing, boating, and volcano activities, **Seaquest State Park** is an excellent base camp. Located five



miles off Interstate 5, the park has 55 tent spaces, 33 utility spaces and five yurts.

East of Woodland on the Lewis River, PacifiCorp operates 14 parks and day-use facilities along three Lewis River reservoirs and below Merwin Dam. Facilities include 318 camping and 268 picnic sites, fresh water, hot showers, swimming beaches, boat ramps, restrooms and RV stations. Call the **PacifiCorp Recreation Line** at 503-813-6666 for reservations.

**County Line Park** on the Columbia River, west of Longview, has 20 camping units that include electrical hook-ups and an incomparable seat on the water's edge.







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# Community Lifestyles

The history of Cowlitz County has strong ties to the earliest exploration and settlement in the Northwest. When Lewis and Clark led the Corps of Discovery to the Pacific Ocean in 1805, they passed the sites that would later become Woodland, Kalama and Longview. The storied Hudson's Bay Company did business in the area and established an outpost at Kelso. Weyerhaeuser cut its teeth here, building camps and mills to log and process the timber from a primeval forest that stretched from modern-day Interstate 5 to Mount St. Helens.

Today, we haven't forgotten our heritage. You can share it with us when you attend Kelso's Highlander Festival, Castle Rock's Mountain Mania, or Woodland's Planter's Days. And that's just the start of what you'll find.

## Kelso *The City at the Center of It All*

Platted in 1848 on the banks of the Cowlitz River by Scottish surveyor Peter Crawford, Kelso is a proud community with strong Scottish roots.



In its early years, Kelso was known as "Little Chicago" due to its colorful population catering to the loggers in the area.

Now known as "The City of Friendly People," Kelso is perfectly situated to serve as a launching pad for your adventures in Cowlitz County and beyond.



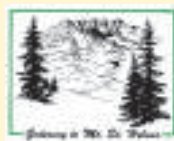
[www.kelso.gov](http://www.kelso.gov)

## Castle Rock *Gateway to Mount St. Helens*

Castle Rock was founded in 1883 and took its name from the rocky upthrust south of town long known as Castle Rock.



Located within 50 miles of Mount St. Helens, Portland and Olympia, this friendly community features comfortable lodging choices and a picturesque downtown.



[www.ci.castle-rock.wa.us](http://www.ci.castle-rock.wa.us)  
[www.castlerockchamber.com](http://www.castlerockchamber.com)

## Longview *The Planned City*

Longview was officially incorporated in 1924. The city was the brain child of timber baron Robert A. Long. At the time of its conception, Longview was the only planned city of its magnitude to have ever been conceived of and built entirely with private funds.



Classic architecture has been part of the city's heritage since the beginning. See it on display at the Columbia Theatre, the Monticello Hotel, R. A. Long High School, the Merk, the Rutherglen Mansion, the post office, and the Longview Public Library.



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## Woodland *Gateway to the Lewis River Valley*

Woodland was officially incorporated on March 27, 1906.

Woodland is perhaps best known as the home of Hulda Klager (1863 - 1960), who was a prolific breeder of lilac hybrids.



Located within easy driving distance of Portland and Mount St. Helens, Woodland is a dynamic community with access to a myriad of activities.



[www.ci.woodland.wa.us](http://www.ci.woodland.wa.us)  
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## Community Events

### February

Quilt Show **Castle Rock**

### April

Tulip Festival **Woodland** 1 - 22

Lilac Festival **Woodland** 21 - 31

Earth Day Celebration **Longview** 21

Lelooska Living History **Ariel** See pg 7

### May

Lilac Festival **Woodland** 1 - 13

Home & Garden Show **Longview** 5 - 6

### June

Art Walk **Kalama** 9 - 10

Planter's Days **Woodland** 14 - 17

Lelooska Living History **Ariel** See pg 7

### July

Bow Tie Bash Car Show **Longview** 7

Go Fourth **Longview** 2-4

Kalama Fair **Kalama** 13 - 15

Castle Rock Fair **Castle Rock** 19 - 21

Quilt Show-Lilac Gardens **Woodland** 21

Yale Valley Arts Festival **Cougar** 26 - 29

Mountain Mania **Castle Rock** 28

### August

Cowlitz Fair & Rodeo **Longview** 1 - 4

Relay for Life **Longview** 11

Untouchables Car Show **Kalama** 19

Days of Discover **Kalama** 25 - 26

Unique Tin Car Show **Longview** 27 - 28

### September

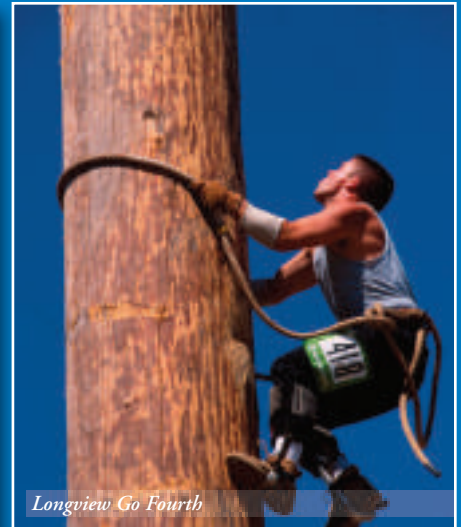
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### November

Tree Lighting Festival **Kelso** 30

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Christmas Parade **Longview** 1



Longview Go Fourth



Woodland Planter's Days



Cowlitz County Fair & Rodeo



Hilander Festival, Kelso



The annual Cowlitz County Fair & Thunder Mountain Pro Rodeo features a fender bending demolition derby, three days of exciting PRCA rodeo and a host of local talent, exhibits, livestock and carnival rides and midway vendors. The popular 4-day fair is held over the first weekend in August at the Cowlitz County Regional Expo Center. **Fair admission is free.** Rodeo and demo derby are paid, ticketed events. Call (360)577-3121 for more information.

There is simply so much to see and do. Enjoy live shows presented by national acts at the historic Columbia Theatre, Thursday concerts during the summer on the banks of Lake Sacajawea, or stirring performances by the Southwest Washington Symphony. Take in the historic displays at the Cowlitz County Museum, the Castle Rock Exhibit Hall, or the Lelooska Foundation Museum.

Treat yourself to a day of shopping at Three Rivers Mall in Kelso or the Triangle Center in Longview. Browse the antique stores in

Kalama or the unique shops in historic downtown Longview. And when you're ready for a break, you'll have a full range of options, from fine dining to that specially brewed cup of espresso.

Stretch your legs with a round of golf at a championship course, or take a walk or jog along the Coweeman River at Tam O'Shanter Park in Kelso, along the Cowlitz on the Riverfront Trail in Castle Rock, or along the Columbia at Marine Park in Kalama.

## Make it a vacation! Plan your trip around one of these great events.

**International Festival** (June 3) – A celebration of the cultural richness of the community, with dancing, music, food and more at Lower Columbia College in Longview.

**Planter's Days** (June 14-17) – Since 1922, Woodland has hosted this salute to the town's history. Events include a parade, Saturday market, cruise-in and a wide array of entertainment.

**Go Fourth Festival** (July 1-4) – The area's largest family festival, Go Fourth features a parade, daily entertainment, arts & crafts booths, food vendors, a logging competition and one of the finest fireworks shows on the West Coast.

**Mountain Mania** (July 22) – This annual celebration of Castle Rock's heritage includes a car show, antique tractor pull, firemen's competition, fun run, chili cook-off, music and Mountain Man Encampment.

**AMA Grand Nationals** (August 12-13) – The best motorcycle riders in the U.S. will compete at Castle Rock's famed flat track. Additional races are scheduled from May through September.

**Unique Tin Car Show & Cruise** (August 27-28) – For more than 30 years, this great event has brought together cruisers and car buffs from across the Northwest. Join the crowd on 15th Avenue in Longview for the cruise and then view the cars at the Cowlitz County Expo Center.

**Kalama Days of Discovery** (August 25-26) – The third annual Days of Discovery celebrates the Hawaiian roots of the city. Arts, crafts, food booths and other vendors. Hawaiian and Native American entertainment.

**Highlander Festival** (September 7-9) – You can experience an entire weekend of Scottish and Celtic culture in Kelso, complete with craft and food vendors, piping and dance competitions and highland team games at Tam O'Shanter Park.

## Beautiful Blooms



The rich bottom lands along the Columbia River in southern Cowlitz County are the ideal spot for producing beautiful flowers. Each year, thousands of visitors flock to Woodland to absorb the splendor and fragrance of lilacs and tulips.

Don't miss the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, which host a Christmas Festival the first week of December and a larger event when the lilacs are in full bloom in April and May. Tour the 1877 farmhouse, part of the National Historic Register, and view the work of Hulda Klager who created 14 new varieties of lilacs.



Also in April, Holland America Bulb Farms hosts the Woodland Tulip Festival, which features row upon row of magnificent tulips, as well as entertainment, crafts, and food. Holland America produces 35 million bulbs and 8 million cut flowers annually.



## Grist Mill

Built in 1876 and powered by Cedar Creek water passing through a wooden turbine (circa 1862), the grist mill is one of only 23 of its kind in the continental United States. Visitors have the opportunity to watch the milling process of grinding grains into flour and listen to volunteer operators explain how the mill's "primitive" power mechanisms function.

Visitors are encouraged to bring grains, including dried corn, for custom grinding. The charge is only a suggested donation. This national historic site is open to the public. For hours of operation call (360)225-5832. [www.cedarcreekgristmill.com](http://www.cedarcreekgristmill.com)



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# The Arts

Over the past decade a number of important bronze sculptures have been commissioned by local service groups and municipalities.

Left, in downtown Longview, a young girl offers a rose to Longview founder R.A. Long as another reads to her cat at the Longview Public Library. A child waits patiently at the Kelso Train Station as otters (below) watch commuters cross the Allen Street bridge. Other famous bronzes are on display at Lake Sacajawea, the Columbia Theater (below right), and the Longview Civic Center.



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If you're a history buff or have personal ties to our area, be sure to check out the History Room in the Merk Building. The History Room is filled with unique photos, books, and personal archives of the people and events that shaped Cowlitz County.

[www.longviewdowntowners.org](http://www.longviewdowntowners.org)



## Outdoor Markets

Three outdoor markets provide fresh locally grown produce, plants, specialty foods and handcrafted gifts amid a friendly, festive atmosphere.

The Kelso Bridge Market, located beneath the Allen Street Bridge featuring fresh produce and local artisans, is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays from May through September.

In Longview, the Cowlitz Community Farmers' Market runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Tuesdays from April through October across from the Cowlitz County Expo Center on 7th Avenue. On Wednesdays from May through September you can also find the market in downtown Longview on Broadway Avenue, operating from noon to 5:30 p.m.

The Longview Saturday Market on Broadway Avenue is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. from May 12 through October 6. Come find the artistic and the edible, the whimsical and the practical, the amazing and the entertaining.



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## Alive With History



Through dynamic interpretations and personal histories, the exhibits at our local historical museum tell the story of Cowlitz County.

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# Park Places



*Bridge to Japanese Gardens, Lake Sacajawea, Longview*

Open space – fresh air – elbowroom, Cowlitz County has it in abundant supply. From the largest population centers to the smallest rural community, the parks network here provides free public access to dozens of unique outdoor havens. Be sure and take the time to enjoy one or more of our parks during your visit.

**Lake Sacajawea Park** is a tree-lined oasis in the planned city of Longview. A 3.6-mile path surrounds the park, encompassing features that include the Japanese gardens, the 114-specie Frank Wills arboretum, two playgrounds, fountains and a solar system walk. A friendly troupe of squirrels maintain residency. Activities include fishing, kayaking and canoeing. Lake Sacajawea is home to the annual Go Fourth Independence Day celebration. Other Longview area parks include Roy Morse and John Null Parks, multipurpose sports complexes with picnic and playground space intermixed with baseball, softball and soccer facilities.

**Tam O'Shanter Park** in Kelso is home to the new Stan Rister Stadium, youth baseball, softball and soccer fields and outdoor basketball courts. The 38-acre multipurpose park also features playgrounds, covered picnic area and a four mile walk/jog/bike path along the Coweeman River. The park hosts the Highlander festival each fall.

The **Catlin Rotary Spray Park** in Kelso provides welcome relief from warm summer days. Free to the public, the park is open daily from Memorial Day to the end of September, weather permitting.

**Castle Rock's Lions Pride Park** is a community favorite. A walking trail borders the Cowlitz River and travels from the picnic area upriver toward town and Memory Park.





*Port of Kalama Marine Park*

Other parks on the Cowlitz River include **Riverside Park** in Lexington, popular for large gatherings and family reunions and **Gearhart Gardens Park**, offering picnicking, fishing, and a boat launch.

**Kalama's Marine Park**, located on the banks of the Columbia River, offers day use opportunities, new interpretive displays, fishing, a walking trail and boat launch. The park is a great place to picnic and watch ship traffic on the west's greatest marine highway.

Other Columbia River access parks include **Willow Grove Park** with sandy beaches, fishing, swimming, boat launch and picnic areas, and the **County Line Park**, that has RV camping, fishing and upriver views of Mount St. Helens.

Woodland's **Horseshoe Lake Park** offers a variety of activities including walking trails, fishing, canoeing, picnicking, swimming, water-skiing and more. The 6.5-acre park is also home to the annual Planters Day Celebration.

East of Woodland on SR 503, Pacific Power operates a number of wonderful day use and overnight parks on the banks of its reservoirs on the Lewis River.

**Harry Gardner Park**, east of Toutle, has been recently restored after being totally destroyed by the 1980 mudflow. A once popular county park, the property remained abandoned for over 20 years until an industrious group of local volunteers, Friends of Harry Gardner Park, took up the cause to restore it. Currently available for day use only, the park has re-emerged to welcome visitors to the Toutle River Valley.



*Harry Gardner Park, Toutle*

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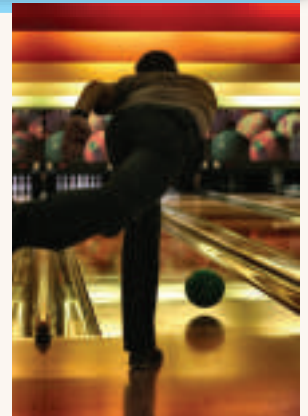
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Sporting venues include Kelso's all-new **Stan Rister Stadium** (above), a state of the art baseball facility conveniently located off exit 39 and within walking distance to five hotels, shopping and several restaurants. Other venues include Lower Columbia College's Storey Field, home of two Babe Ruth World Series, Three Rivers, Mint Valley and Lewis River golf courses, and the Triangle and Hilander bowling complexes.



Each municipal Parks and Recreation department also operates a large number of soccer, baseball and softball fields.



*Unique Tin Car Show*

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## Southwest Washington

Retrace the route taken by Lewis & Clark and the Corps of Discovery down the mighty Columbia River, stopping at the numerous heritage sites along the way. Feel the security experienced by early settlers inside the log-lined walls of historic Fort Vancouver and learn about life in this wilderness outpost established by the Hudson's Bay Company.

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Spend time in all five of our excellent visitor centers on your trip to Mount St. Helens. Learn about the geologic forces that led to the devastating eruption of 1980 and continue to drive the current explosive phase of this active volcano. Witness the return of nature

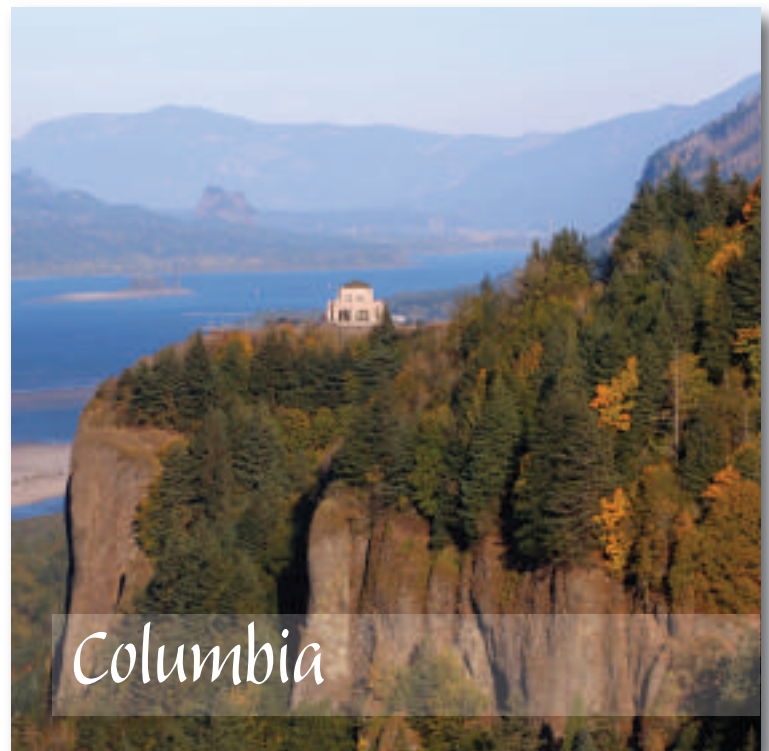
The Coast, Columbia and Cascades regions of Southwest Washington combine to offer one of the most dramatic, transitional landscapes in the world. Within just a few hours' drive, visitors can discover the magnificent continental shoreline of the Pacific Ocean, explore verdant river valleys thick with forested woodlands and ascend a range of snow-topped peaks in the majestic Cascade Range.

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## Cascades



### Lewis & Clark

Among the first visitors to Cowlitz County were Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

In November 1805, the explorers led the Corps of Discovery down the Columbia River, past present-day Woodland, Kalama, and Longview to the Pacific Ocean.

The expedition's history and influence continue to run deep in the region.

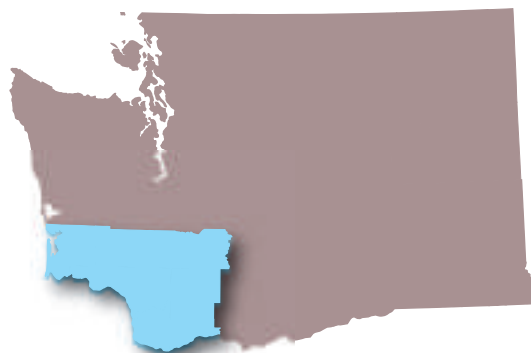
On the trip west, the Corps camped south of Woodland, where Clark complained that he was kept awake by the noise of numerous swans, geese, and ducks. Visitors can be treated to the same sounds at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge.

After reaching the Pacific, the Corps of Discovery established Fort Clatsop near present-day Astoria and built a salt cairn in Seaside. The Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center at Cape Disappointment State Park is open year-round to share the journey with visitors.

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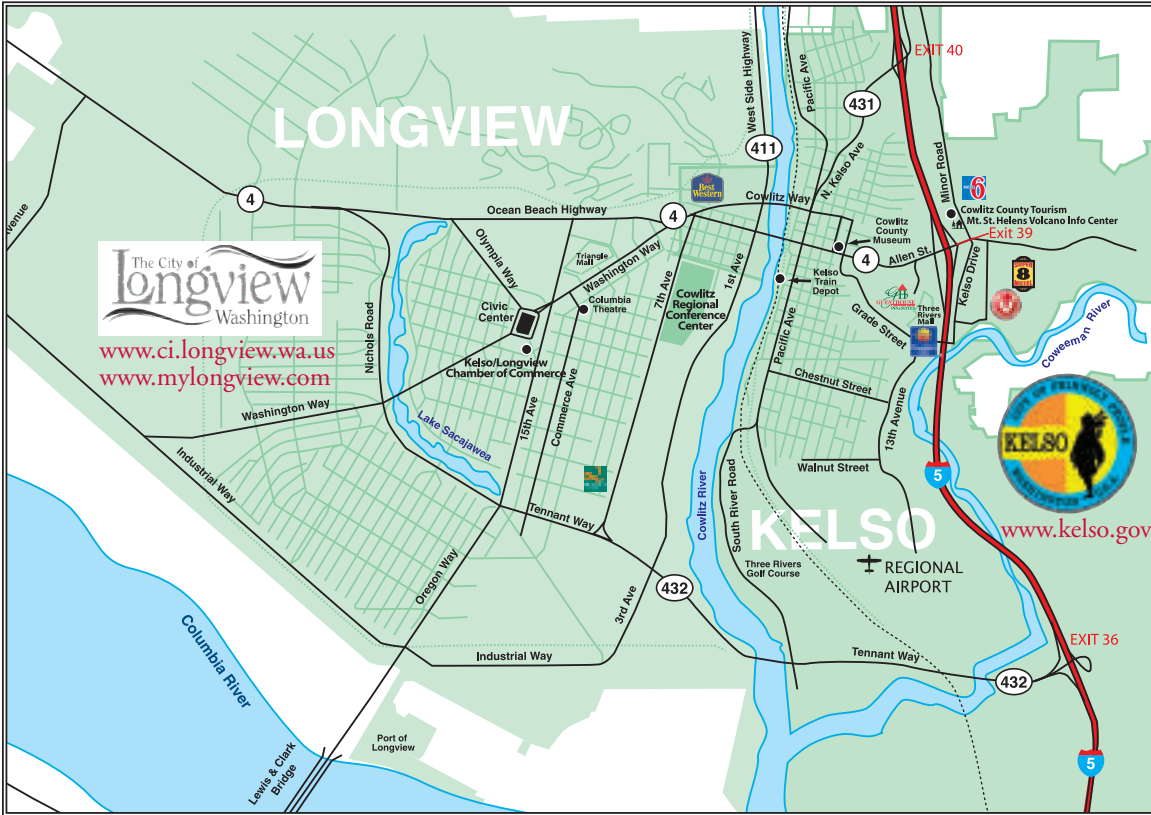
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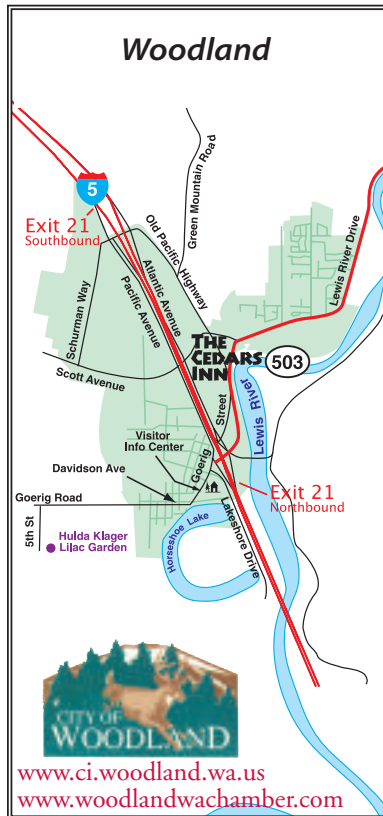
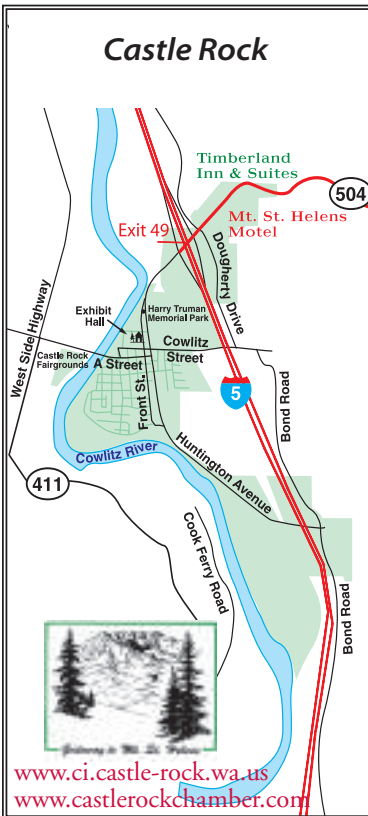
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