

the columbia gorge

Overview

The Place That Has It All

Apples. Pears. Cherries. Wine. Beer. Timber.

Add in high-tech manufacturing, world-class recreation and renowned tourism and you've found yourself in the Columbia River Gorge regional community.

Welcome to a place that embraces the legacy of a remarkable past while creating the bedrock of a brilliant future.



our story

THEN & NOW

Since time immemorial, tribes of all kinds from natives to settlers to enthusiasts to innovators have been captivated by what the Gorge region offers.



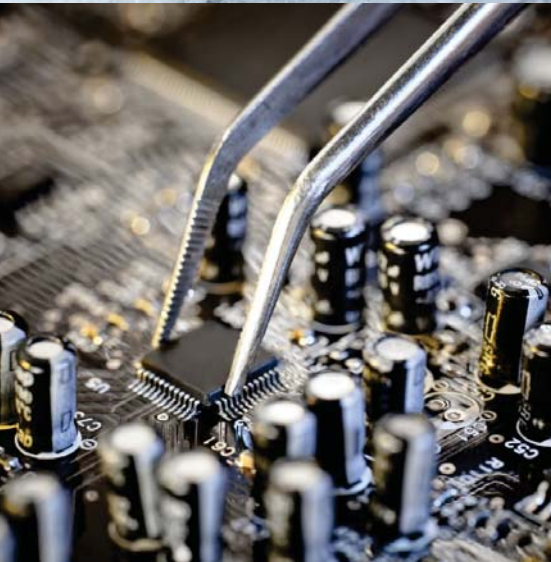
HONORING TRADITION

The Gorge's rolling geography, rich soils, dynamic weather and 10,000+ years of human history beautifully co-mingle to create one of the greatest places on earth.

Here, we respect the tribes and nations that are an integral part of the history, culture, governance, resources and economy of our regional community.

Here, we admire the tribal fishers who practice traditional wild salmon harvests as they have for generations.

Here, we laud the four Columbia River Treaty tribes, including Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe, and the Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.



LOOKING FORWARD

The Gorge boasts an enviable location, natural splendor, active lifestyle, strong communities and an incredibly diverse and growing economy.

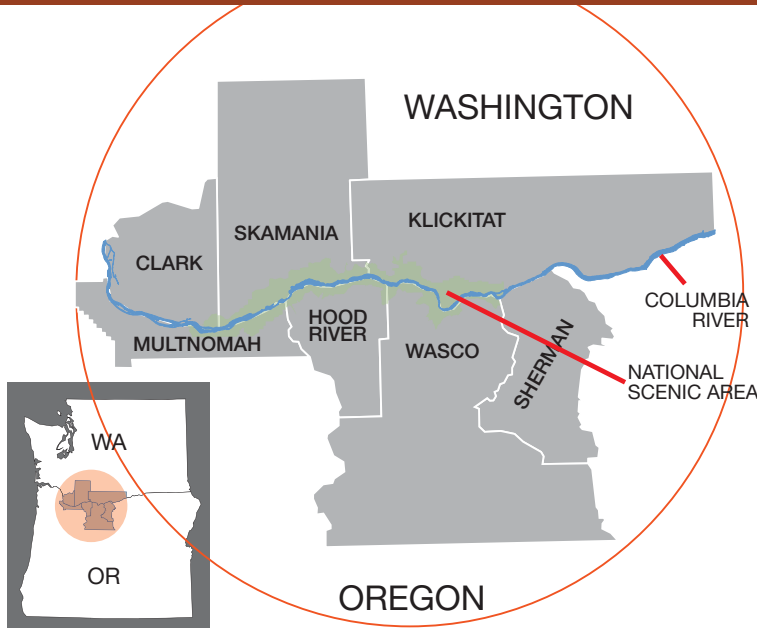
Here, we promote the development of new business, industry and community that continues to bring job growth and economic opportunity along with a highly desirable influx of both residents and visitors.

Here, we celebrate the mindset of peoples, such as the enterprising recreationists who, with their surf-sail-wind board inventions spawned an emerging and popular River sport.

Here, we anticipate the continued expansion of enterprise, including world-changing technological advances, food and beverage production, renewable energy solutions, and new startup companies.

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BY THE numbers

2	STATES
7	COUNTIES
28	DEEP-ROOTED CITIES, TOWNS & COMMUNITIES
7,500	SQUARE MILES

OUR NEIGHBORS

West: Portland, Oregon | Vancouver, Washington

Northwest: Seattle, Washington | The Puget Sound

360-degrees from anywhere: Breathtaking Views | Scenic Vistas | Cascading Waterfalls



GETTING TO KNOW US

live

85,000
TOTAL POPULATION
IN COLUMBIA RIVER
GORGE REGION

48,000
TOTAL WORK FORCE

89.2% TO 93%
EMPLOYMENT RATE FROM
SKAMANIA COUNTY
TO HOOD RIVER COUNTY

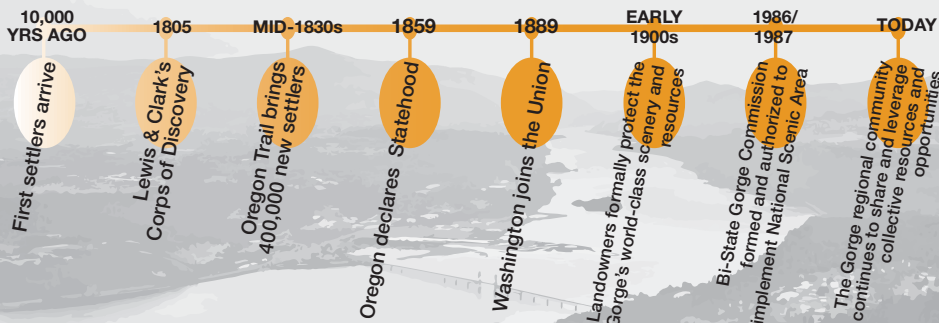
work

**CULTURAL, NATURAL,
SCENIC &
RECREATIONAL
RESOURCES**

LANDS ALONG COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE ARE DESIGNATED AS A NATIONAL SCENIC AREA AND UNIQUELY PROTECTED BY STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION

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WHERE WE CAME FROM



We represent the public, private and non-profit sectors coming together to advocate for regional needs that are foundational to a strong and sustainable Gorge economy...

**ONE community,
ONE economy,
ONE future.**

