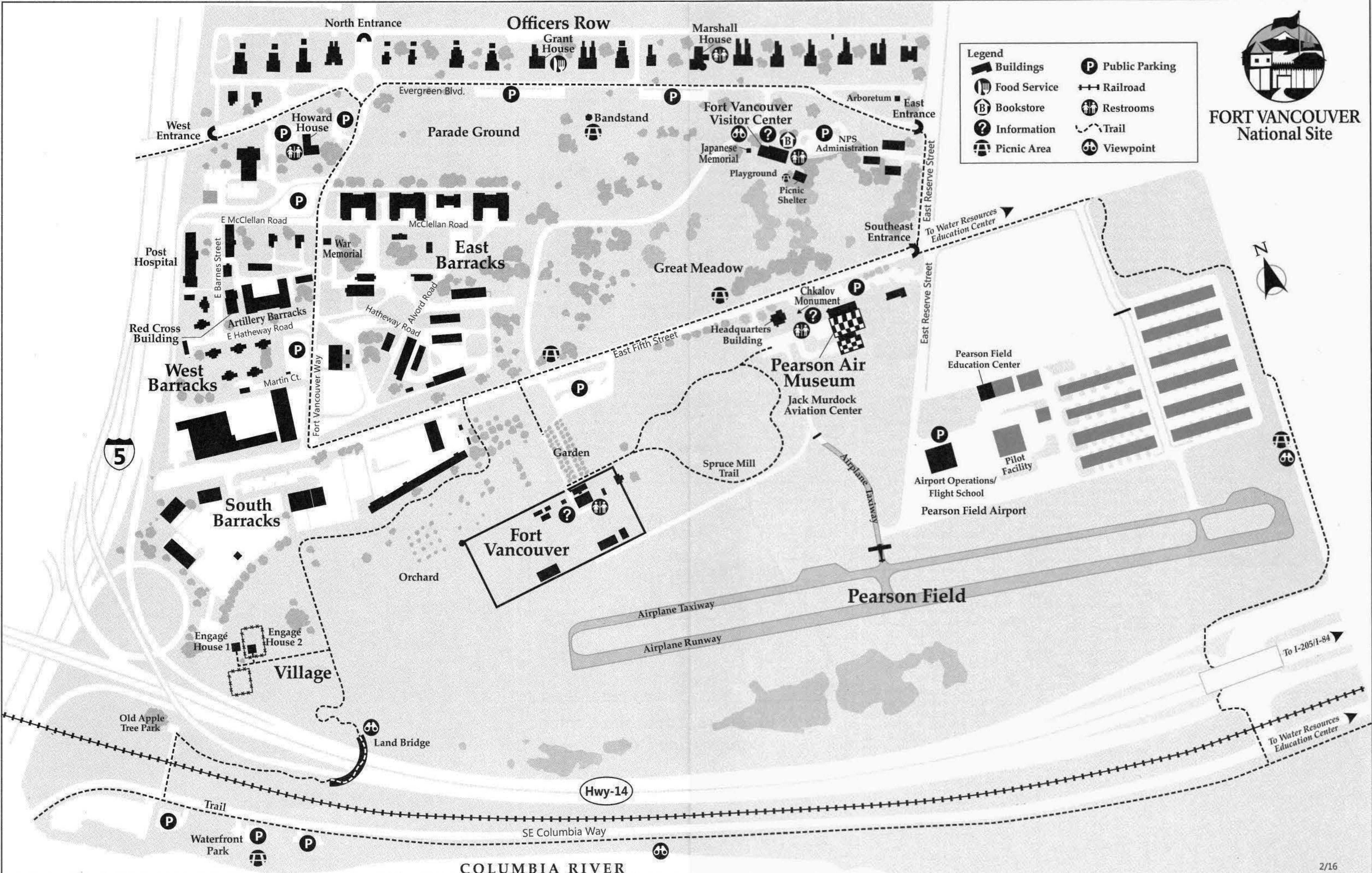




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A national park, a premier archaeological site, the region's first military post, one of the nation's oldest operating airfields and a waterfront trail and environmental education center are featured at this unique historic site located on the northern bank of the Columbia River in Vancouver, Washington. The historic site's array of museums, public programs and recreational opportunities create a dynamic, fun and unique destination for people of all ages.

Visitor Center

The newly renovated Visitor Center is the place to start your tour of Fort Vancouver National Site. It offers orientation films, maps, brochures and other information about the attractions and activities to help visitors make the most of their stay. The Visitor Center includes a bookstore operated by the non-profit Friends of Fort Vancouver, a theater and exhibits on the history and culture of the historic site. The Visitor Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free.

For information on summer and winter hours:
360-816-6230
www.nps.gov/fova



Fort Vancouver Established in 1825

The British Hudson's Bay Company established an extensive fur trading network throughout the Pacific Northwest of which Fort Vancouver was the administrative center and principal supply depot. Today the reconstructed 1840s era Fort and Village, operated by the National Park Service, offer a glimpse into the lives of Native Americans, settlers and fur trappers. The Fort is the site of many special events and interactive educational programs. The park also includes the historic Vancouver Barracks Parade Ground, the site of many military themed events.

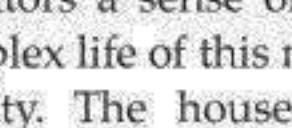
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The Village

The Hudson's Bay Company Village was home to workers and their families who supported the operations of Fort Vancouver. Residents included trappers, blacksmiths, carpenters and other laborers. In its heyday, the Village housed over 500 people from diverse ethnic backgrounds including Hawaiians, French-Canadians, English, Scottish and members of more than 30 Indian tribes. The Village included a variety of small dwellings, with styles reflecting the diversity of their inhabitants. Today, the reconstructed Engage Houses 1 and 2, along with fence lines and trails, gives visitors a sense of the vibrant and complex life of this multicultural community. The houses are open during special events and for pre-arranged tours.

For information on hours and reservations:
360-693-3103



O.O. Howard House Built in 1879

The home of General Oliver Otis Howard, the Commander of the Department of the Columbia, the Howard House was converted to a non-commissioned officers (NCO) club during World War II. The home was restored to its former elegance in 1998 and now houses the offices of the Fort Vancouver Trust.

For information on summer and winter hours and admission fees:
360-816-6230
www.nps.gov/fova



For more information:
360-992-1800
www.FortVan.org



Officers Row 1849-1906

The 22 fully-restored stately homes lining the area north and the west of the Parade Ground were built for the army officers who served at Vancouver Barracks. Today, these homes are in use as offices and residences with three buildings open to the public.

Ulysses S. Grant House
Built in 1850

The first structure built on Officers Row, the Grant House was constructed of hand-hewn logs that were covered with siding in 1855 (some logs are still visible inside the house). The house served as the home of the post commanders until 1886. Grant never lived in this house although he did serve at Vancouver Barracks. The Grant House is open to the public as a restaurant featuring fine dining and the Commander's Whiskey Bar.

For information on hours and reservations:
360-906-1101
www.thegranthouse.us

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Land Bridge Built in 2007

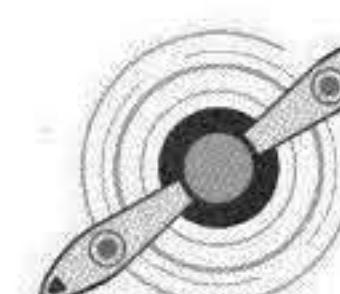
Designed by noted landscape architect Johnpaul Jones in consultation with artist Maya Lin, the Land Bridge, a Confluence Project, features native plants and artwork highlighting Native Americans' connection to the land and water. The trail winds past Fort Vancouver and the Hudson's Bay Company Village to the 40-foot wide bridge over Highway 14 which features sweeping views of the Fort and the Columbia River. The half-mile trail is open year-round from sunrise to sunset.



Pearson Field Established in 1905

One of the oldest operating airfields in the United States; aviation "firsts" at Pearson Field include the landing site for the first aerial crossing of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers, the first interstate airmail delivery in 1905 and for the first transpolar flight in 1937 by Russian pilot Valery Chkalov, among many others. Today Pearson Field operates as a busy General Aviation airport that also offers a Flight School with an advanced flight simulator, aircraft rentals, maintenance and restoration.

For rates and availability:
360-735-9441
www.aeromt.com



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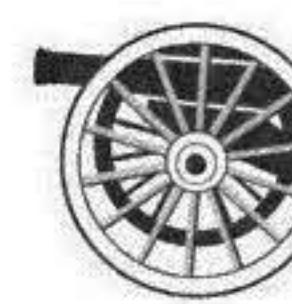
For hours of operation:
360-992-1815
www.fortvan.org



Pearson Field Education Center

The Pearson Field Education Center (PFEC) delivers experiential aviation-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs for youth (K-12), built on the rich history of Pearson Field and the surrounding historic site. Students, families and aviation enthusiasts can enjoy hands-on, fun experiences including a flight simulator lab, flying their own creation in a vertical wind tunnel, building gliders, model rockets or radio controlled aircraft. Young people are introduced to vocational and career opportunities they might not have previously thought possible.

For hours of operation:
360-992-1815
www.fortvan.org



Vancouver Barracks Established in 1849

The U.S. Army arrived in Vancouver in 1849 to ensure the orderly settlement of the Oregon Territory. The West Barracks includes 16 buildings built between 1887 and 1939 and was an active military post for 150 years, closing in 2000. The 23 buildings in the East and South Barracks were vacated by the Army Reserve and Washington National Guard in 2011 and ownership was turned over to the National Park Service who has launched a major renovation project. Both the 1919 Red Cross Convalescent Center and the 1904 Artillery Barracks are available for meetings, receptions and other special events.

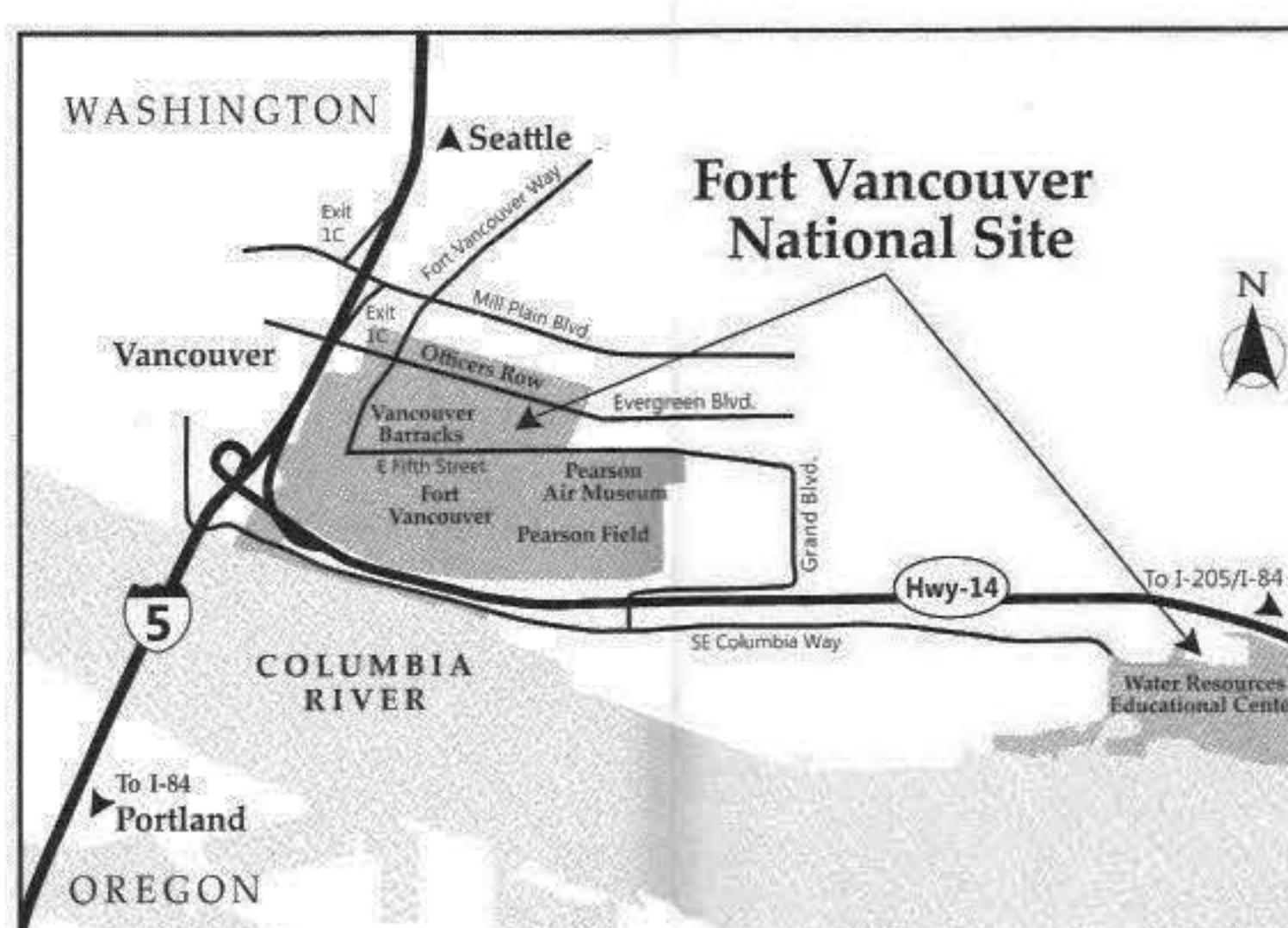
For information on event rentals:
360-828-5237
www.fortvan.org



Water Resources Education Center Created in 1996

A riverfront environmental education center, the Water Resources Education Center's mission is to teach people to better care for and make wise decisions about water. Visitors can enjoy the hands-on activities in the Exhibit Hall, art work in the Center's White Sturgeon Gallery, live sturgeon in a 350-gallon aquarium, and the panoramic view of the Columbia River. The wildlife-rich wetlands can be viewed from the overlook that connects visitors to a paved waterfront trail. The Water Center is the caretaker of 50 acres of adjacent wetlands, one of the metropolitan area's few remaining natural Columbia River riparian areas.

For hours of operation and a schedule of events:
360-487-7111
www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter



Water Resources Education Center and Marine Park

