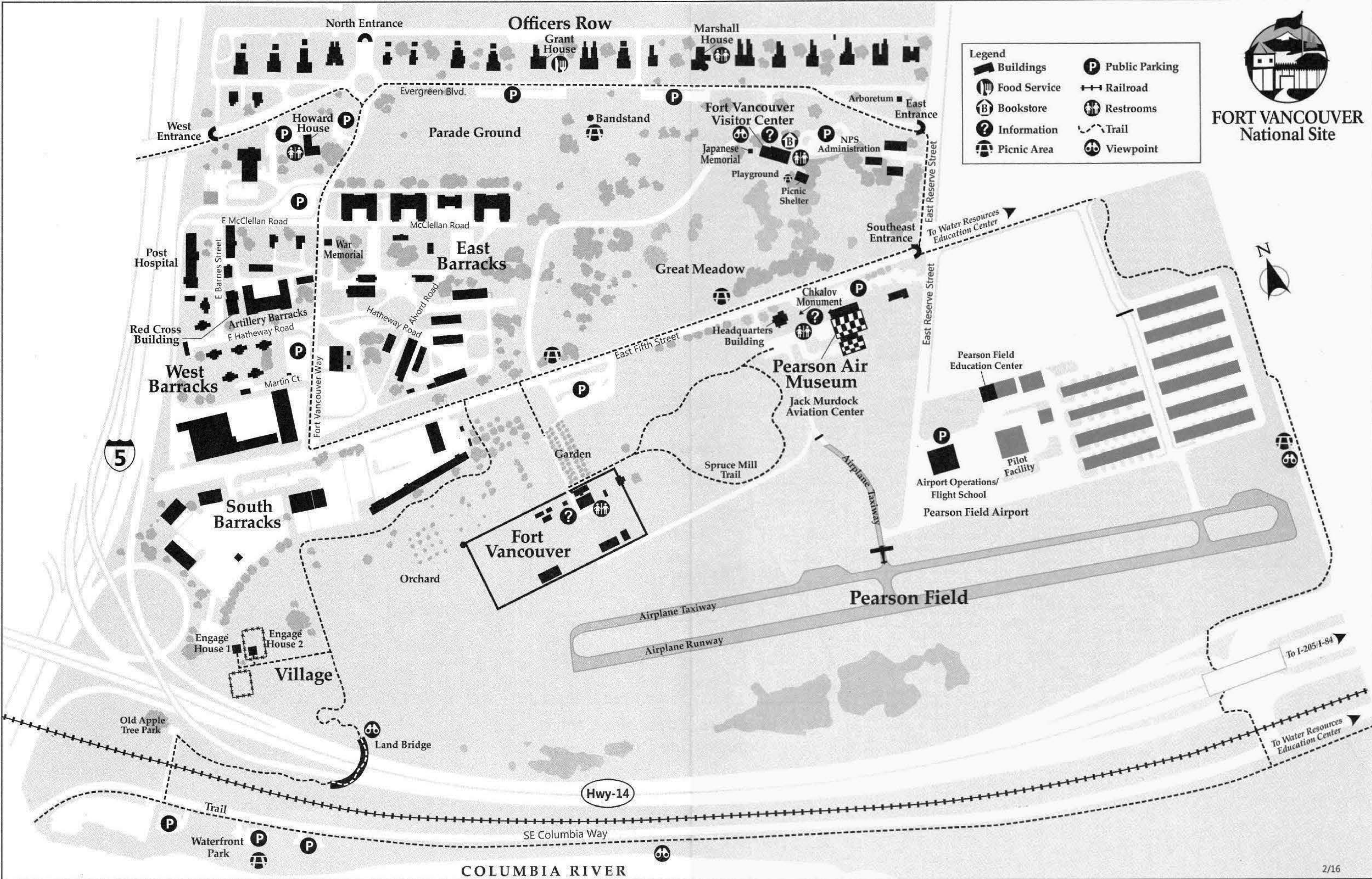




FORT VANCOUVER
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FORT VANCOUVER National Site

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

Amenities

Trails

Fort Vancouver National Site has a well developed trail system including a trail along the Columbia River waterfront.

Interpretive Panels

Outdoor informational panels located throughout the site provide information about the buildings, cultural landscape and stories of the historic site.

Public Restrooms

Available at the Visitor Center, Fort Vancouver, Pearson Air Museum, the Marshall House and the O.O. Howard House.



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.

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



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

George C. Marshall House *Built in 1886*

Built as quarters for the post commander, the house was named for General George C. Marshall who served as Commander of Vancouver Barracks from 1936-1938. This elegant Queen Anne Victorian features an exhibit on General Marshall and is available for weddings, receptions and other special events; open to the public for tours when not in use for special events.

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



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.

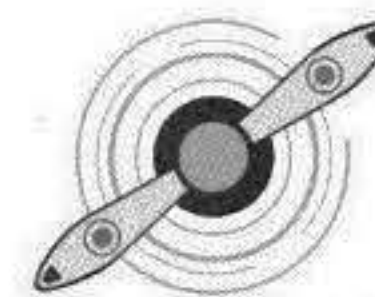


Pearson Air Museum

Pearson Air Museum and the Jack Murdock Aviation Center help visitors connect to the history of aviation at Pearson Field. From its roots as a civilian air field, to its history as the site of the Spruce Mill

and its transformation into an important Army Air Corps field, Pearson Air Museum helps provide a detailed look into the golden age of aviation at Pearson Field. Admission to the Museum is free.

For hours of operation:
360-816-6232
www.nps.gov/fova



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.

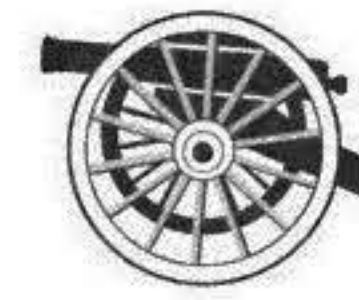
For rates and availability:
360-735-9441
www.aeromt.com



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

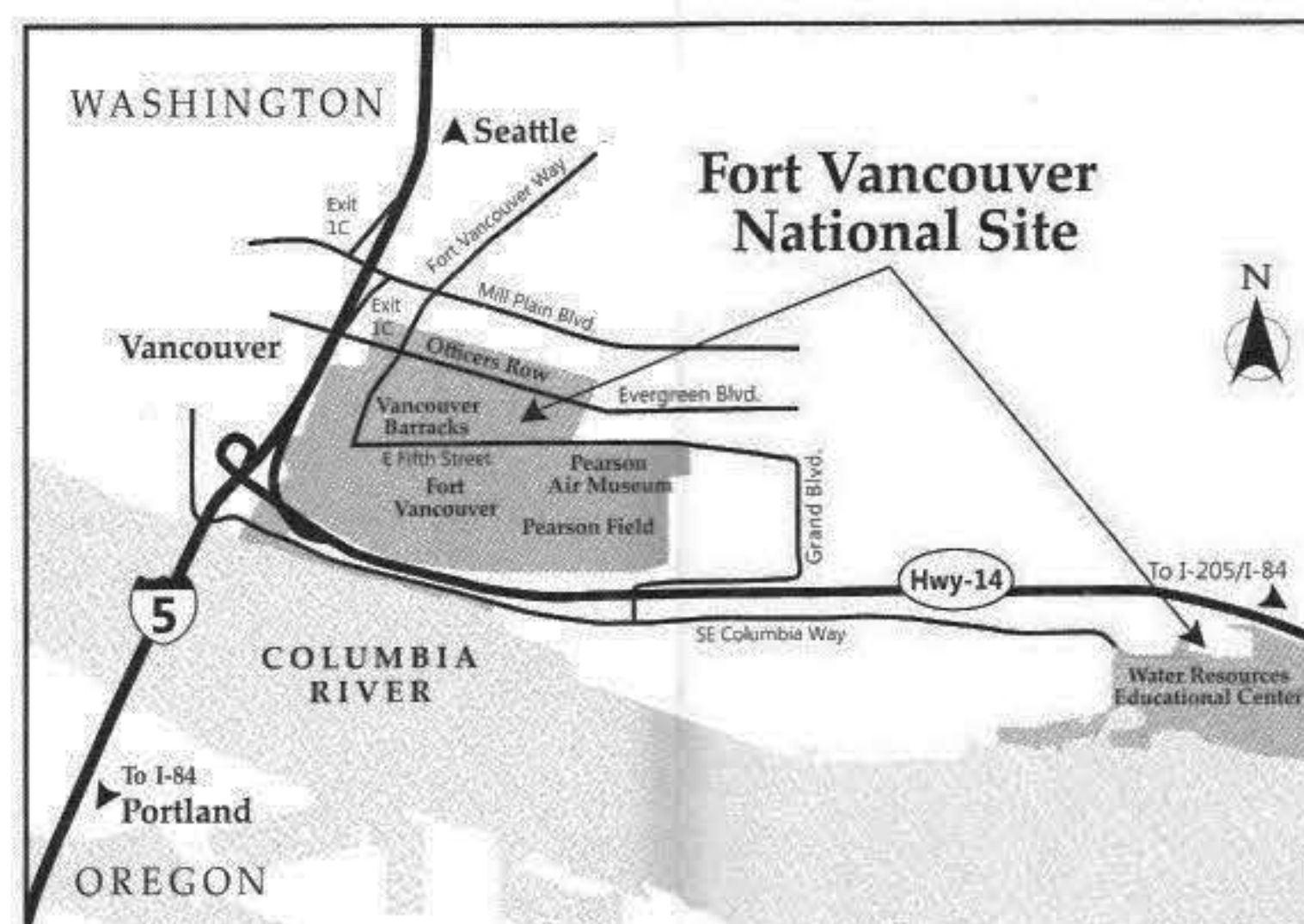
For general information about
the Vancouver Barracks:
360-816-6230
www.nps.gov/fova



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

