

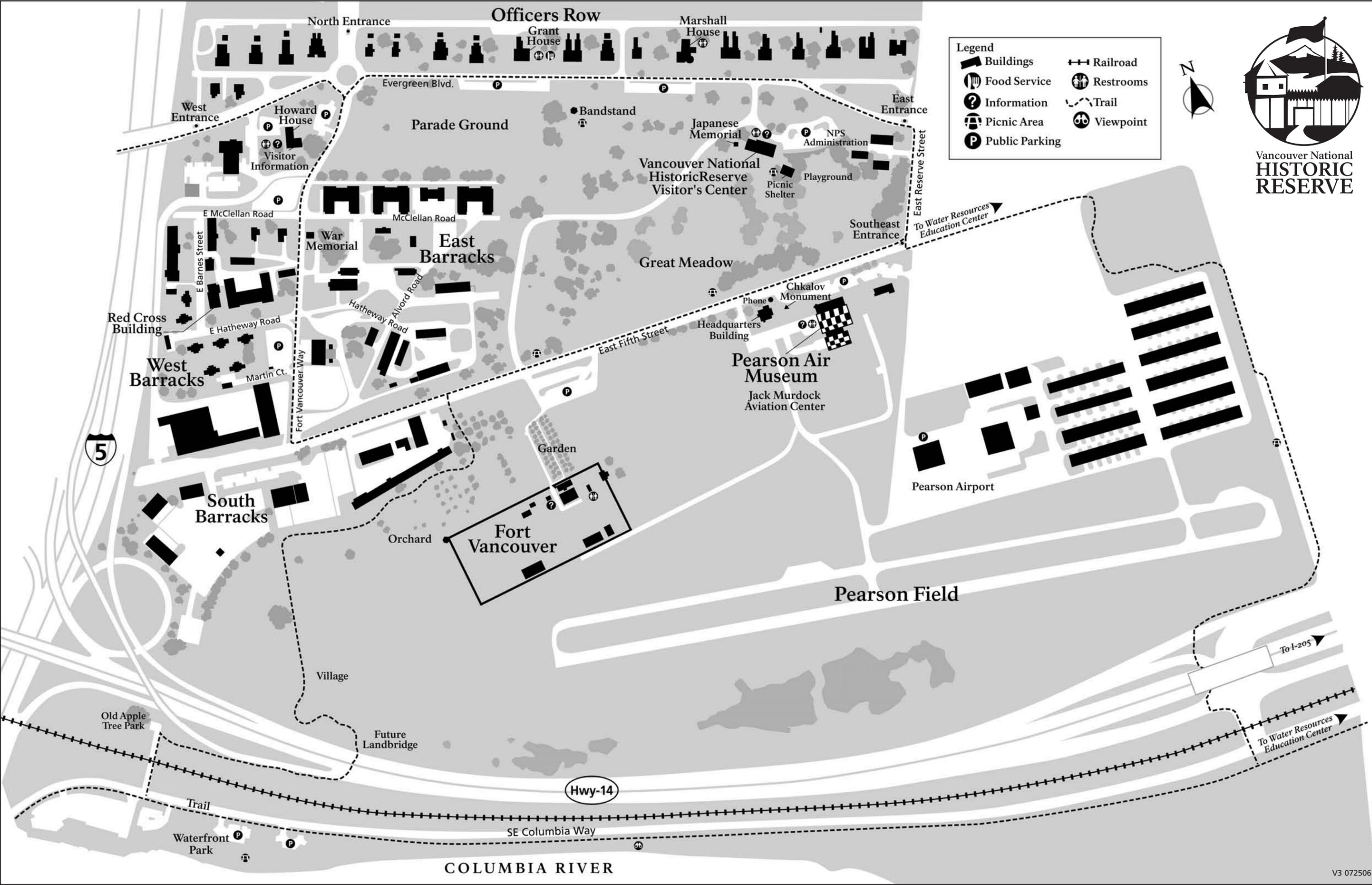


Vancouver National
**HISTORIC
RESERVE**



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Vancouver National HISTORIC RESERVE

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 Reserve's array of museums, public programs and recreational opportunities create a dynamic, fun and unique destination for people of all ages.



Fort Vancouver *Established 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. The Fort was a center of activity and influence supported by a multi-cultural village with inhabitants from over 35 different ethnic and tribal groups. Today the reconstructed 1840's era Fort and Village, operated by the National Park Service, offers 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 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 The Restaurant at the Historic Reserve featuring fine dining and the Commander's Whiskey Bar.

For information on hours and reservations.
(360) 906-1101

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 a small gift shop and the offices of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust.

For more information:
(360) 992-1800 | visit www.vnhrt.org



Pearson Air Museum

The Pearson Air Museum in the Jack Murdock Aviation Center offers a world class air museum with exhibits and interpretation focusing on northwest aviation history during the "Golden Age of Flight", 1911-1945. Featured exhibits include a 1913 Voisin, one of only three such aircraft in the world and memorabilia from the Russian Transpolar flight that landed at Pearson Field in 1937.

For information on summer and winter hours and admission fees:
(360) 694-7026 | www.pearsonairmuseum.org



Pearson Field

One of the oldest operating airfields in the United States, many aviation "firsts" occurred at Pearson Field, landing site for the first aerial crossing of the Columbia River in 1911, and for the first transpolar flight in 1937 by Russian pilot Valery Chkalov. Today Pearson operates as a general aviation airport that offers scenic flights and airplane rentals.

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



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) 696-8478
www.cityofvancouver.us/watercenter/wrec/



Vancouver Barracks *Established in 1849*

The US Army arrived in Vancouver in 1849 to ensure the orderly settlement of the Oregon Territory. Vancouver Barracks was an active military post for 150 years, closing in the year 2000. The East and South Barracks currently house Army Reserve Units and the Washington National Guard. The West Barracks includes 16 buildings built between 1887-1939 that are in various stages of rehabilitation. The beautifully-restored 1919 Red Cross Convalescent House featuring EB Hamilton Hall is available for meetings, receptions and other special events. The West Barracks is also home to the International Air & Hospitality Academy (IAHA) which offers culinary arts and restaurant management classes.

For information on special event rentals or classes:
(360) 931-7873 | www.airacademy.com

For general information about Vancouver Barracks:
(360) 992-1800
www.vancouverhistoricalreserve.org

Amenities

Trails

The Historic Reserve has a well developed trail system including a trail along the Columbia River waterfront.

Landbridge

In the summer of 2006, construction will begin on a landbridge connecting Fort Vancouver and the Columbia River waterfront. The 40-foot wide span will feature native plants and artwork highlighting Native Americans' connection to the land and the history of the Historic Reserve.

Wireless Internet

WiFi is available throughout the Historic Reserve with the exception of the waterfront and Water Resources Education Center.

Interpretive Panels

Outdoor informational panels are located throughout the site which provide information about the buildings, cultural landscape and stories of the Historic Reserve.

