

The Palouse Scenic Byway

Don't forget your camera for your journey through the patchwork quilt of rolling hills known as the Palouse Scenic Byway. Most celebrated for its hundreds of miles of undulating hills, rich farmlands, and rural communities, the rolling sculpted landscape changes with the seasons from vivid

greens, vibrant yellows, and amber harvest hues to silvery snow-dusted hills. Speckled among the hills are majestic buttes with spectacular panoramic vistas and wildlife viewing. Recreation abounds as well with activities like sightseeing, photography, hiking, biking, and fishing. A magical place with unparalleled beauty, the Palouse Scenic Byway will bring you back again and again to enjoy the friendly people, abundant activities and magnificent landscape.

Palouse Scenic Byway "Must See" Attractions

- Kamiak Butte County Park
- Steptoe Butte State Park
- Palouse Falls State Park
- Channeled Scablands
- Wagon Wheel Fence
- Snake River Trail
- Washington State University
- Codger Pole
- J.C. Barron Flour Mill
- Steptoe Battlefield



Artisans at the Dahmen Barn

Community contact information:

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Colton	509-229-3887
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LaCrosse	509-549-3330
Oakesdale	509-285-4020
Palouse	509-878-1811
Pullman	800-365-6948
Rosalia	509-523-5991
Tekoa	509-284-3861
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above: Bill Chipman Palouse Trail

below left: Dahmen Barn and Wagon Wheel Fence near Uniontown

cover: Aerial view of a farm road



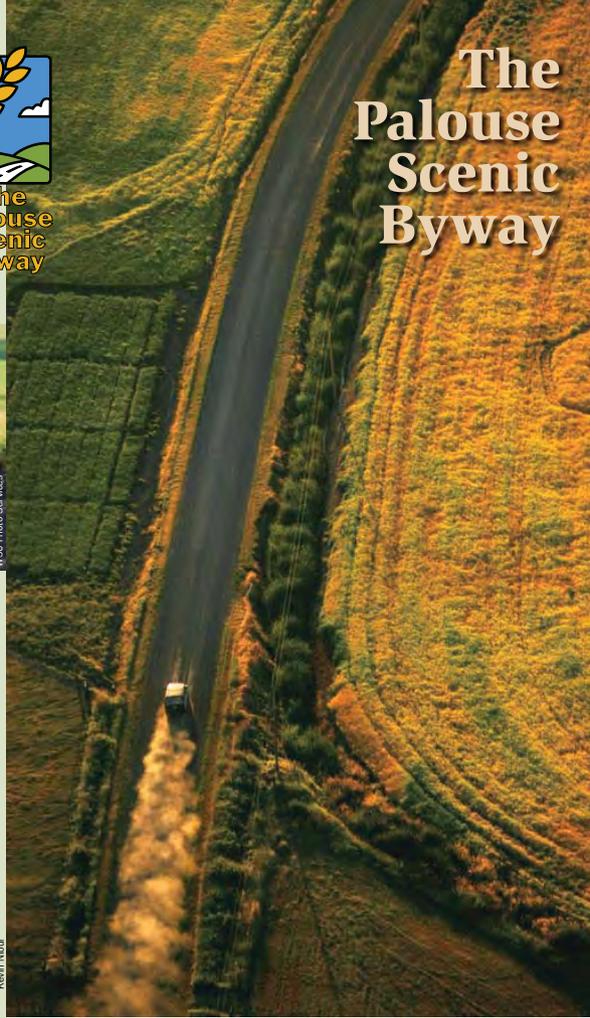
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Scenic Vistas

Kamiak Butte rises 3,641 feet and offers 298 acres for hiking, picnicking, camping, and sightseeing. The area boasts over 130 species of birds, 170 species of plants, and nearly 30 species of mammals for wildlife viewing. A favorite spot for photography, a hike to the crest offers spectacular panoramic views of the rolling hills of the Palouse with the patchwork of fields and farmlands changing with the seasons. Call 509-397-6238 for more information.

Steptoe Butte rises 3,618 feet into the sky and offers a spectacular 360 degree view of the Palouse. You can drive or hike the 3.1 miles to the top of the butte. Activities include bird watching, hang-gliding, paragliding, remote/control flying machines, hiking, photography, sightseeing, and picnicking. Call 509-646-9218 for more information.

Located at Boyer Park & Marina, the **Snake River Trail** stretches 4.5 miles from the bank of historic Almota Creek, which was a Lewis and Clark Expedition stop, through Boyer Park and eastward to the base of Lower Granite Dam. The trail features handicap and non-motorized access as well as a series of 6 interpretive signs dealing with the Columbia Snake River system, dams, river geology, hydroelectric power, and transport of commodities. Contact Boyer Park at 509-397-3208 for more information.

A short drive off the Byway lies **Palouse Falls State Park**, a hidden oasis for the visitor. A drive to the falls takes you off the beaten path to an unbelievable view of waterfalls cascading 198 feet into a round salt-rock canyon. The falls are unique because they emerge from the channeled scablands of southeastern Washington, an arid landscape. Call 509-646-9218 for more information.

Tekoa Mountain is the highest point in the county.



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Museums

Palouse Discovery Science Center promotes science, math, and technology literacy through the use of educational programs, exhibits, teaching collections, and activities emphasizing hands-on learning. The center features permanent as well as traveling exhibits. Visit www.palouse-science.org or call 509-332-6869. **(Pullman)**

Museum of Anthropology has permanent exhibits that include human evolution, biological diversity, and prehistoric peoples of the lower Snake River as well as exhibits that focus on cultural similarities and differences in the ways of people in past and present societies. **(Pullman)**

Museum of Art, on the WSU campus, was established in 1974 around a core collection of American paintings. The museum presents changing exhibitions ranging from fine arts and fine craft to architecture and design. Outreach programs of the museum include docent tours, children's workshops, symposia, films, and other special events. For more information, call 509-335-1910. **(Pullman)**

Conner Museum, located on the first floor of WSU's Science Hall, exhibits fish, amphibians, reptiles, a dinosaur skeleton, and several hundred mounted birds and mammals, including deer, antelope, mountain sheep, mountain goat, moose, caribou, cougar, and small species. **(Pullman)**



clockwise from top: Kamiak Butte in early spring, the Perkins House in Colfax, the Old Milwaukee Bridge near Rosalia, Palouse Falls State Park

afternoons, Memorial day through Labor day, or for appointment call 509-288-1420. **(Colfax)**

McCoy Valley Museum was founded by the Oakesdale Historical Society in 1988 to celebrate the 100th birthday of the town. The museum features antiques and artifacts from the early years of railroad, businesses of the past, and the people who founded Oakesdale. Open to visitors by request, call 509-285-4741. **(Oakesdale)**

Roy M. Chatters Newspaper & Printing Museum, located on Main Street in the restored Collard Building. The museum houses historic printing equipment and archives of Whitman County newspapers dating back to the 1880's, as well historical items from the area. Open Saturdays from 10am to 2pm, except October and January. Tours by appointment: 509-878-1742. **(Palouse)**

Rosalia Museum is located on 5th and Whitman and shares the building with City Hall. The museum has exhibits about Col. Steptoe, World War I and settings of the early era. On display is a meteorite that was found near Rosalia. To view by appointment, call 509-523-4390 or stop in during regular City Hall hours. **(Rosalia)**

Tekoa Empire Theatre, built in 1940, has been lovingly renovated and reopened as a performing arts center. Tours are available by calling 509-284-5000 or check out the website for a performance schedule. www.tekoawa.com **(Tekoa)**



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The Staley Museum is a personal museum of the Staley family. Located in the restored family home, each room has its own treasure of antique furniture, family portraits, and personal items of the Staley family. Open by appointment, call 509-334-1008. **(Pullman)**

Perkins House was built in 1886 by James Perkins. The Victorian-style house, a National Historical Site, was fully restored by the Whitman County Historical Society. The original log cabin, behind the house, was built by Perkins in 1870 and is the oldest standing building in Whitman County. Open 1-4 pm Thursday and Sunday

Historic Sites

St. Boniface Catholic Church was built in 1904 and became the first consecrated church in the state of Washington in 1910. The church houses the original five altars, statues, stained glass windows, painted decor, wooden pews, and oil painted Stations of the Cross. The church is open during daylight hours. (**Uniontown**)

Step toe Battlefield Site and Monument is a 25-foot granite memorial that marks the location where the last Indian victory over the U.S. Army occurred in May of 1858. This historic battle, with 158 mounted troops facing between 600 and 1,200 warriors, ended when a cease-fire gave an opportunity for Col. Steptoe's escape back to Fort Walla Walla. Rosalia's Battle Days Celebration commemorates this event. (**Rosalia**)

Historic US Post Office was built in 1930 as Pullman's second formal Post Office. The building is a fine example of the craftsmanship and materials used in federal buildings built during the height of the depression to bolster the economy. The Old Post Office is on the National Historic Register and has been converted to a restaurant, wine cellar and gallery. (**Pullman**)

1895 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with Litch Gate, one of a few litch gates remaining in the United States, located at Bridge and Alder. (**Palouse**)

1909 Palouse Bottling Building is a small brick building of architectural interest on east Main Street. The brewery, unfortunately long gone, was the only building east of Bridge Street that survived the Fire of 1888. A bit further east is the 1888 Pump House, also a fine example of turn-of-the-century brickwork found in Palouse's historic downtown. (**Palouse**)

The **J.C. Barron Flour Mill** in Oakesdale, a gorgeous three story structure, was built in 1890 and by 1891 the railroad shipped 2 million bushels of wheat per year out of the building. The flour mill was a pioneer in the whole wheat industry when health benefits of whole wheat became widely known and utilized the wheat grown in the region by local farmers. The building no longer houses the flour mill but stands as a beautiful reminder of a bygone era at the edge of town. (**Oakesdale**)

The small **Stone Houses** were built in Lacrosse between 1934 and 1936 by Clint Dobson, a local businessman. Three houses and three cabins were built of basalt stones gathered from the area as rental units for local farm hands and workers. The quaint little houses are still standing strong in downtown Lacrosse and one of them is still being used for housing. (**Lacrosse**)



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Points of Interest

In downtown Colfax just off of Main Street stands the tallest chainsaw carved structure in the world. Standing 65-feet tall and aptly named the **Codger Pole**, it was built to commemorate a football game between Colfax and the town of St. John. The football game was first played in 1938, and replayed in 1988 by those still around after 50 years, hence the codger in Codger Pole. (**Colfax**)

The **WSU Bear Research Facility** was established in 1986 in response to the threatened status of many bear populations. The WSU Bear Program is the only facility in the world to house adult grizzly bears for research. Bears can be viewed daily from April to November. (**Pullman**)

The **Pullman Walk of Fame** was established in 2003 to honor those individuals who have served the Pullman community in a significant way or brought acclaim to the area through their contributions to society. The Walk of Fame consists of granite stones set into the sidewalks along Main Street and Kamiaken Street. (**Pullman**)

Old Milwaukee Bridge was built by the Milwaukee Railroad in 1915. This concrete arch bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is used only for the John Wayne Trail ride. (**Rosalia**)

Rosalia's **Texaco Visitor's Center** was originally built in 1923 and renovated into an interpretive and informational visitor's center to promote the resources and historical assets of

Rosalia and surrounding towns on the Palouse and in Whitman County, while also serving as a multi-use retail outlet and public restroom facility. (**Rosalia**)

Artisans at the Dahmen Barn is located along Hwy 195 in the big white barn behind the famous fence of 1000 iron wheels. Originally a dairy barn, the renovated three story structure now has artists' studios and a retail shop with art and craft items created by nearly 100 regional artists. Performing arts events, a monthly art exhibit, classes for all ages, and dances are regularly scheduled. No daily admission fee. Thursday - Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm with early closure at 4 pm January and February. Information: www.ArtisanBarn.org or 509-229-3414. (**Uniontown**)

Oakesdale's **Ace Ritchfield station** is currently being restored to the way it was in the 50's and 60's and will serve as a gift shop with local artisans crafts, oil paintings, stained glass and metal work. It will also serve as an information center for the city. (**Oakesdale**)



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Parks & Outdoor Recreation

Colfax Golf Course is a 9-hole par 35 course and includes a small practice putting green. Call 509-397-2122 for more information. (**Colfax**)

Schmuck Park (Colfax)

Pampa Pond (LaCrosse)

Pheasant Valley Shooting Preserve and sporting clay facility. Lodging and guided hunts are available. Has been featured on "Hunting with Hank" on the Outdoor Channel. (**LaCrosse**)

Hayton Green Park has picnic shelters, BBQs, and a playground. (**Palouse**)

Palouse Ridge Golf Club is a new 18-hole, par 36 championship-level golf course scheduled to open to the public August 29, 2008 and will offer expansive views of the Palouse hills. (**Pullman**)

The **Bill Chipman Palouse Trail** travels between Pullman and Moscow, ID. The seven mile long smooth pathway is ideal for walking, jogging, skating, or biking for all ages and abilities. The Trail is open from dawn to dusk each day. Trailheads are located in Pullman on Bishop Blvd behind the Quality Inn and in Moscow across from the Palouse Mall. (**Pullman**)

Lawson Garden includes a formal garden, reflecting pool, gazebo, rose garden, seasonal flowers, and xeriscape garden. (**Pullman**)

Sunnyside Park includes picnic shelter, picnic areas, two tennis courts, playground, baseball diamond, two ponds, rented garden plots, disk golf course, and restrooms. (**Pullman**)

Skate Parks (Colfax & Pullman)

St. John Golf Course is a 9-hole par 35 course. Call 509-648-3259. (**St. John**)

Teoko Golf Course is a 9-hole par 35 course. Call 509-284-5607 for more information. (**Teoko**)

RV Parks: LaCrosse, Palouse Empire Fairgrounds (Colfax), Palouse, Rosalia

Public Swimming Pools: Colfax, Garfield, LaCrosse, Oakesdale, Palouse, Pullman, Rosalia, Tekoa

Pullman Aquatic Center is a state-of-the-art indoor aquatic recreation facility with a multi-purpose pool, children's pool and therapy pool along with a fitness center. For information and a pool schedule, call 509-338-3290. (**Pullman**)

Suggested Travel Routes

Day 1: Start at the hub of the Byway in Pullman and travel north on SR-27 to Palouse. Along the way, stop at Kamiak Butte for a hike and picnic and to photograph the views of the surrounding countryside. Continue on SR-27 through Palouse to Garfield, Oakesdale, and Tekoa. Backtrack from Tekoa to Oakesdale and take SR-271 to Rosalia. While in Rosalia, visit the Steptoe Battlefield. Turn south out of Rosalia on US-195 and follow the signs to Steptoe Butte. Drive or climb to the top for spectacular views of the Palouse hills. Return to SR-195 south and stop to take a look at the Codger Pole and Perkins House in Colfax. Continue south on US-195 and end your day back in Pullman.

Day 2: Start in Pullman and travel north to Colfax, then travel west on SR-26 to Dusty and LaCrosse. Be sure to view the channeled scablands and Palouse Falls State Park about 30 minutes from LaCrosse. Return east on SR-26 back to Colfax, then turn south on US-195 to Pullman. From Pullman, take SR-194 to Almot and stop at Boyer Park to hike along the Snake River Trail. Return to Pullman, then turn south on US-195 to Colton and Uniontown. Go a little further south to watch the sunset from the scenic overlook atop Lewiston Grade.



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clockwise from top: Spring view over the Palouse, St. Boniface Catholic Church in Uniontown, State Route 27 sign in Garfield, wheat before the harvest, the Palouse River at sunset.



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R.C. McCroskey House is a National Historic Site. The year 1998 marked the house's 100th anniversary. Tours by appointment only, contact Donna Gwinn at 509-635-1459. (**Garfield**)



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St. Gall's Catholic Church was built in 1905. It retains the original architecture and stained glass windows. Call 509-229-3548. (**Colton**)

Kelly Log Cabin, 3 miles southeast of Oakesdale on SR 27, was the original 1872 dwelling on the homestead established by John F. Kelley and his brother Major Joseph N. Kelley. (**Oakesdale**)