EXPLORE MORE

New discoveries are as easy as stepping right outside The Wing. Take our Chinatown Discovery Tours to learn about Seattle’s Asian Pacific American communities from local guides and experience cultures first-hand. seattlechinateantowntour.com/

Want to go further afar? Our Asian Pacific American Heritage Sites website can help you plan your next trip. dp.winglake.org/apesites/

Do you have an Asian Pacific American Heritage Site to share? We’ve been collecting information and photographs of sites throughout the Pacific Northwest on our Asian Pacific American Heritage Sites map. Our records are far from complete! Want to add a site? Email your site with location, brief description and photos to heritagesites@winglake.org and we’ll add it in.

April 26, 2014
Pioneer Chinese Dinner
Sit down with chef and culinary historian Maxine Chan to a meal that pays homage to the resourceful and delectable cuisine of Chinese pioneers in the late-1800s.

May 2014
Japanese Heritage Bus Tour
Discover Seattle’s Japanese heritage from the historical to the present day with stops including Nihonmachi, the Japanese Community Cultural Center, and the Nisei Veterans’ Hall. Lunch will be provided.

July 2014
Hawaiian Festival and Kanaka Village Tour
Join the celebration and hula at the three-day Hawaiian Festival in Vancouver, WA. From workshops to concerts to food, the rich culture of the Islands comes to the Pacific Northwest. Included bus travel and a tour of historic Kanaka Village.

September 2014
Iron Goat Trail Hike
Retrace the steps of Japanese railroad workers who braved mountainous terrain and dangerous winters to complete the Great Northern Railway. Bring your hiking boots to discover this hidden history. Hike is ADA accessible.

October 2014
Filipino Heritage Bus Tour
Celebrate Filipino Heritage Month with a unique bus tour of historic sites in Seattle.

** Tour dates to be determined. **

For updated information on community programs at The Wing: winglake.org/events/upcoming.htm

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✓ Visit a site featured in this exhibition
✓ Share about the site with family and friends through social media
✓ Find out about sites significant within your family history
✓ Create a scrapbook to share about the site with family and friends
✓ Become a member of a museum or historical society
✓ Pick a site to do research at a library on
✓ Conduct an oral history with an elderly to find out about a special place
✓ Cross check events with newspaper headlines of the time
✓ Volunteer at a museum or historical society
✓ Join or start a “friends” group to help steward a cemetery in your area and find out the stories of the people buried there
✓ Volunteer with the Forest Service in a Passport in Time project
✓ Identify social justice issues related to a historic site: immigration, discrimination, women’s roles, labor rights, housing needs, etc. Then find an organization that is working on those issues today in honor of the pioneers who went before us.

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The evergreen landscapes of the Pacific Northwest lured adventurers, entrepreneurs and American settlers alike in the past few centuries. Among these are the stories of pioneers of Asian Pacific descent, who persisted through challenges of natural disasters, racial discrimination and violence, and the everyday hardships of navigating new territory. This exhibit highlights early Asian Pacific trailblazers and the Pacific Northwest sites important to this history.

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Alaska
STAR OF BENGAL SHIPWRECK (Coronation Island 1943)
The Alaska Packers Association purchased the Star of Bengal in 1906 to join its "Great Star Fleet." Tragically, the Star of Bengal was shipwrecked off Coronation Island near Wrangell, Alaska, in 1906, and sealed the death of almost all 100 laborers in an underwater grave.
Visit the Wrangell Museum to learn about the early settlement of Wrangell, including Chinese and Japanese American collections. wrangellmuseum.com
296 Campbell Drive | Wrangell, AK 99929 | 907-877-3570
The Alaska Packers Association Museum offers a glimpse of early 20th-century salmon fishing and the community at Semiahmoo Spit. alaskapackersassociationmuseum.com
926 Semiahmoo Bay/Blaine, WA 98230 | 360-374-3528
Idaho
MINIDOKA CONCENTRATION CAMP (1412 Hunt Road, Jerome 83338)
The attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941 intensified hostility towards Japanese Americans. As wartime hysteria mounted, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 making over 120,000 West Coast persons of Japanese ancestry (Nisei) leave their homes, jobs and lives behind and move to one of ten concentration camps. This single largest forced relocation in U.S. history is Minidoka's story. nps.gov/min/index.htm
Visitor Center PO Box 570 | Hagerman, ID 83332 | 208-634-3127
Oregon
CHINESE CEMETERY | Baker City 97814
This Chinese Cemetery was used for burials from 1880-1940. Some years after burial, most remains were exhumed and transported to China for final burial by previous arrangement with the Chinese Consul-General of the Agreement of Portland, Oregon. Of the approximately 46 people originally buried in the cemetery, one marked grave remains in the cemetery, that of Lee Chew, 1925-1938.
Oregongeography.com/baker/baker/chinese.htm
Located on Windmill Road, just east of the I-205 Exit 84
Visit nearby Baker Heritage Museum to see permanent and changing exhibitions on mining, timber, ranching, agriculture, early Baker City life, Chinese culture and wildlife. bakerheritagemuseum.com
2460 Grove Street | Baker City, OR 97814/541-534-9380
KAM WAH CHUNG COMPANY | John Day 97845
Preserving the legacy of the Chinese workforce in Oregon, the Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site features an original building and contents of an early Chinese store and herbal doctor’s home and office. Chinese American businessman Lung On and herbal doctor Ing Hay were an integral part of the John Day community for decades, working out of this building in the 1880s. Oregon’s heritagepark.org
235 Northwest Canyon Street | John Day, OR 97845 | 541-557-2800
AH HEE DIGGINGS | Granitat97877
The Ah Hee Diggings Interpretive Site vividly displays the mining efforts of Chinese American miners in the late 1880s. Visitors to the site walk among the residual hand-stacked rock tailings, evidence of the backbreaking work these early pioneers completed. oregonstateencyclopedia.org
555 Dewey Avenue | Baker City, OR 97814/541-534-6591
Washington
CAMP MURRAY | Joint Base Lewis McChord 98433
For 33 days in 1917, Camp Murray housed Vietnamese refugees, who came north from California’s Camp Presidio at the invitation of then Governor Daniel J. Evans. The Washington National Guard Museum "The Arsenal," collects, preserves, displays and interprets the historic properties and institutional heritage of the Militia and National Guard of Washington; features outdoor displays on Camp Murray; and provides access to the Museum. wngm.org
Museum Building 21 | Camp Murray, WA 98433/253-312-7842
EBEY’S LANDING PRAIRIE | Whidbey Island 98299
Ah Soot came to the U.S. from China in 1880. He settled at Ebeys Prairie on Whidbey Island, renting seven and a half acres from Ernest J. Hancock and growing crops and other fruits for market. Anti-british sentiment, Ah Soot lived out the rest of his life on Edges Island. In Camp Murray, Washington, ngm.org/museum
Building 21 | Camp Murray, WA 98433/253-312-7842
Sunnyside Cemetery. www.sunnysidecemetery.com
90 Cemetery Road | Coupeville, WA 98239
Located in historic Coupeville on Whidbey Island, the Island County Historical Society operates a popular museum that features local and regional history, including the stories of Chinese Americans on the Island. www.islandhistory.org/
908 Northwest Alexander Street | Coupeville, WA 98239/253-636-3330
IWW LOCAL 3Y LABOR UNION HALL | 233 South Main Street, Seattle 98104
Visit The Wing’s exhibition "Alaskeros: A Documentary Exhibition on Pioneer Filipino Cannery Workers in our 2nd Floor Portrait Gallery to learn more about working conditions in the canneries and the role of the union into bring reform. Read "Remembering Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes: The Legacy of Filipino American Laborers" by Robert Che. The book includes a history of Asian labor in the Alaska salmon canneries written by Gene Viernes himself. wing.org
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IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE BUILDING | 800 Airport Way South, 3rd Floor (Boeing Northamerica Mall), Seattle 98104
Located just south of Chinatown and completed in 1931, original plans for the station specified two large dormitories for Chinese males, one for Chinese boys, and a much smaller dormitory for "Oriental" women. This third building served as the detention station until 2004. Private owners purchased the building in 2016 and by 2020 it was transformed into artist workshops, now known as Seattle, inpersonart.org
2nd Seattle Boulevard South | Seattle, WA 98134/206-656-2716
JAPANESE AMERICAN FAMILY FARMS | Bainbridge Island 98110
In 1941, 43 Japanese farms totaled 690 acres on Bainbridge Island. They made up 8-5% of the island’s farm production. The Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community honors the heritage of the first generation Japanese who came to Bainbridge Island and takes care of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial to honor those forced to leave their homes during World War II. hisp.org
4955 Eagle Harbor Dr NE Bainbridge Island, WA 98110/206-857-9038
JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL | 1414 South Weller Street, Seattle 98144
Located at the site of the original Seattle Japanese Language School founded in 1923, the Japanese American Community Cultural Center of Washington preserves, promotes and shares Japanese and Japanese American heritage, history and culture. jccwc.org
1414 South Weller Street/Seattle, WA 98144/206-332-3500
KANAKA VILLAGE | Fort Vancouver 98661
On their seagoing voyages European trade ships stopped in the Pacific Islands to resupply and pick up new crew. The Hudson’s Bay Company found that the Kanakas ("human beings" in Hawaiian) were valuable workers. Brought to Fort Vancouver, 100 miles up the Columbia River, they settled into daily life as "servants" of the Hudson’s Bay Company. Visit the Fort and the surrounding grounds of Kanaka Village at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. usnp.gov/fvansi/index.htm
The Fort Vancouver Mobile helps you go deeper. Go to Fort Vancouver’s Village. Open the app, load the "Kanaka" module, and with it connect to the past as well as the future. fortvancouvermobile.com
612 East Reserve Street, Vancouver, WA 98660/360.816.6320
LUMMI NATION | Northernmost coast of Washington 98226
The Buswell papers and photographs consist of primary source material collected by self-trained historian Howard Buswell and include oral history interviews with Charley Kahana, renowned fiddler who was of mixed Native Hawaiian and Native American backgrounds. The collection also includes audio recordings of his music and photographs of him and his family. The collection is preserved by the Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, Western University Library, www.wbu.edu/cpns
2400 Knoxville Road, Bellingham, WA 98225/360.671.7747
The Lummi Archives & Records preserves and protects the historic and business records of the Tribe and stores the Tribe’s Museum Collections until a Tribal Museum is built. lummi-nation.com/website/tribal_pages/culture/archives.shtml
2606 Covia Road, Building #7, Bellingham, WA 98225/360.314.2262
NIPPON KAN | 618 South Washington Street, Seattle 98104
The Wing is the caretaker of the historical advertising curtain from the Nippon Kan. View this amazing piece of cultural history in the Tatsumi Japanese Cultural Center on the third floor for classroom use in Washington. wing.org
719 South King Street | Seattle, WA 98124/206-622-5124
PIKE PLACE MARKET | 1st Avenue and Pike Street, Seattle 98101
Visit The Wing’s Governor Gary Locke Library and Community Heritage Center on the 3rd floor for classroom use in Washington. wing.org
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POPE AND TALBOT LUMBER MILL | Port Gamble 98370
Census records provide a glimpse of where Chinese worked at the mill over the decades. In 1920, just 15 Chinese are recorded at Port Gamble. Seven worked in the kitchens. By 1920, 15 Chinese work in Port Gamble as cooks and waiters, either in the mill’s 60-bed row in the town’s hotel. At the Port Gamble Historic Museum, stroll through actual furnished settings and experience the dynamic story of Port Gamble. Learn about the founders of this National Historic Landmark and the lives of those who lived, worked and played here and help write its story. portgambelmuseum.org
3 Rainier Ave | Port Gamble, WA 98365/360.969.2078
WELLSFARGO | West portal of the Cascade Tunnel 98186
The Iron Goat Trail on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest follows the abandoned Great Northern Railway with easy grades, accessible trails, beautiful views of surrounding mountains, educational interpretive signs and comfortable trailside benches. The Great Northern route was the best engineered of the transcontinental railways. Japanese section crews helped maintain the Great Northern Railway and stayed in the heart of Wellington. irongoattrail.org
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2930 Wenatchee Avenue, Suite 311 Everett, WA 98201/425.782.6600