

Welcome to Peace Arch State Park

HISTORY

The 67-foot Peace Arch is jointly maintained by the United States and Canada. The concrete structure was the inspiration of Sam Hill, railroad builder and industrialist. Construction began in 1920 and the Peace Arch was dedicated Sept. 6, 1921. The Arch commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in 1814 and the Rush-Bagot Agreement in 1817. Entered into by the king of England and President Monroe, these treaties provided for an unguarded United States/Canadian border from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Bay of Fundy. Both treaties resulted from the War of 1812 with Great Britain.

INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITIES & PARK ACTIVITIES

Enjoy the vast lawns, gardens and the magnificent Peace Arch, which straddles the border of the two nations. The countries co-maintain the monument and the historic site making this a uniquely beautiful international peace park.

The park features horticultural exhibitions and interpretive signage. More than 20,000 flowers are planted annually on the grounds. The park's location also offers magnificent views of Point Roberts, Vancouver Island and the San Juan Islands. One hundred picnic sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The park has .8 miles of interpretive trails, a playground and playing fields.

Annual park activities include the "Hands Across the Border" celebration held on the second Sunday in June. The "Peace Arch Park International Sculpture Exhibition" runs from May through September, and the Peace Arch "Dedication Day Reenactment Ceremony" is held in September.

FACILITY RENTALS

The American Kitchen, a rentable, day-use, heritage place, provides an excellent facility for meetings, weddings and special events in this lush setting. The 1,500 sq. ft. kitchen is complete with cook top stove, oven, microwave, refrigerator and freezer. The building capacity is 100 people. The outside picnic and stage area capacity is an additional 400 people. A gazebo is located in the gardens overlooking the Peace Arch. Rental rates vary with size of the group. The parking lot has space for 350 vehicles. For additional information or reservations, call the park office at 360-332-8221.

LOCATION

The park is located 21 miles north of Bellingham, Washington, and 30 miles south of Vancouver, BC, in the city of Blaine, on the US Canada border. Traveling north or south on Interstate 5, take exit #276, Blaine City Center. Follow the signs to the park entrance on Second Street.

PARK HOURS

Peace Arch State Park Heritage site is a day-use park, open daily from 8 a.m. to dusk.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

The Peace Arch International Park is located between the seaside communities of White Rock, British Columbia, Canada, and Blaine, Washington, USA.

Blaine is a quaint seaside village with a rich history as a fishing village. It offers an historic downtown area, historic homes, seaside parks and a full service marina. Ride the historic Plover, explore the sculpture in downtown Blaine and stop by the Visitor Information Center.

White Rock is located only five minutes from the Canada/US border. This is an exciting seaside community with sandy beaches, a waterfront promenade, a heritage pier, and train station. Colorful sidewalk cafes and gift shops add to its lively atmosphere.



Park Entrance



Floral Displays



Annual Events & Exhibits



American Kitchen



Kitchen



Covered Stage



Gazebo



Playground

Things to Remember

Please observe State Park rules so that all park visitors may enjoy their visit.

1. Keep pets on leashes at all times.
2. Please use receptacles for litter.
3. Flowers, trees and shrubs are a part of the park; please leave them as you found them.
4. Always use crosswalks when visiting the international park.
5. For your own safety, do not touch or climb on the sculptures.
6. Alcoholic beverages are permitted only in designated picnic areas.
7. All Washington State laws are enforced in state parks.
8. Please report disturbances to park rangers; they are trained to help you resolve issues and concerns.

A complete list of Washington State Parks Commission rules and regulations is posted at the park office.

Other state parks located in the general area: Birch Bay, Larrabee, Bay View & Deception Pass.

Contact Information



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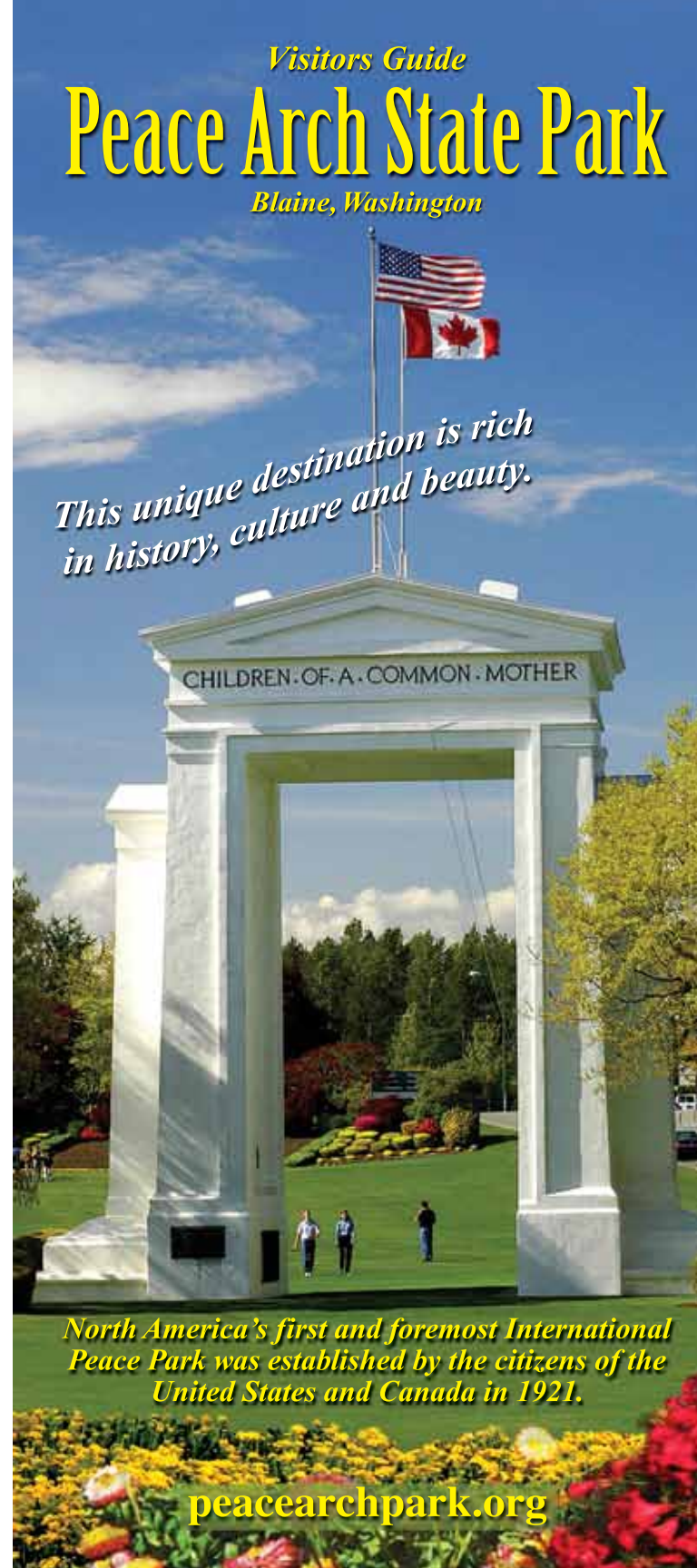
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Olympia, WA 98504-2650

Camping reservations: (888) 226-7688

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The Peace Arch State Park is committed to the principles of sustainability in the stewardship of the site's natural, cultural and recreational resources. Known globally as a symbol of Peace, the Arch and the Park represent peace, not only between countries and people, but also peace with the earth and the environment.

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North America's first and foremost International Peace Park was established by the citizens of the United States and Canada in 1921.

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Peace Arch International Park
Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

The perfect setting for your wedding and reception.
Since 1921, this international heritage site has been the location of weddings, celebrations and family gatherings. Rich in beauty and history, the site features elegant floral displays, magnificent gardens, outdoor sculpture exhibits, spacious grounds, gazebo, entertainment stage, barbecue, full kitchen, indoor and outdoor dining areas. Make your reservation today!

Contact the park manager at (360) 332-8221

Peace Arch State Park Asian Concert Series
Presented by the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission, Folk & Traditional Arts in the Parks Program

Sundays in August!

For further information visit: peacearchpark.org
(360) 332-7165 or (360) 332-8221

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Visit Blaine, Washington

The Peace Arch City

Peace Arch State Park is located in the beautiful seaside community of Blaine. For tourist and travel information call (800) 624-3555 or visit the Blaine Visitor Information Center, located at 738 Peace Portal Drive.

Historic Downtown ♦ Shopping ♦ Dining ♦ Public Art Tour ♦ Bird Watching ♦ Ride the Plover Ferry ♦ and much more!

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- A** Blaine Port Building & Harbor Center
- B** Plover Passenger Ferry Blaine Departure Dock
- C** "G" Street Plaza on Peace Portal Dr.
- D** "H" Street Plaza on Peace Portal Dr.
- E** Plover Passenger Ferry Semiahmoo Departure Dock
- F** Peace Arch Park International Sculpture Exhibition

Landmarks: Blaine Public Pier, Fisherman's Wharf, Blaine Harbor, Blaine Marina, Blaine Visitor Center, Blaine School Campus, Boblett, Yew St., Mitchell Avenue, Clark Street, Martin Street, H Street, G Street, F Street, D Street, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 6th Street, 8th St.

Peace Arch Provincial Park

Peace Arch State Park

North or south bound I-5 Exit #276, Blaine City Center

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LEGEND

- P** Parking
- ♿** Restrooms

Follow the sidewalk west past the American Kitchen to visit the Peace Arch

Peace Arch State Park Entrance Located on Second Street.

Twelfth Annual Peace Arch Park International Sculpture Exhibition
May 1, 2009 to April 1, 2010

Located at:
North or south I-5 Exit 276, Blaine City Center

Open Daily 8am to dusk!

Nestled within the park's magnificent gardens, you will find sculptures created by international fine artists.

Featured artists: Thomas Givens, Ella Mshkis, Mijcah Bienvenu, Margo Westbrock, Don Lovett, Leo Osborne, Beverly Steigerwald, Ho-Baron, Chris Rench, Kono Moriyuki, Mark Yale Harris, Thor Myhre, Randall Hunt, Daniel Klennert.

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Celebrating 15 years of Service

www.peacearchpark.org

American Kitchen Rental Information

Built in 1950 and remodeled in 2005, this historic facility has been the center of special events for generations. In the heart of Peace Arch State Park's magnificent gardens is the American Kitchen Facility. The facility is available to the public to rent for meetings, weddings, receptions or family gatherings. The facility meets ADA requirements. Schedule your event during off peak use hours (Monday – Friday) and save 50% on your facility rental fee.

Kitchen/Dining rental includes: The kitchen facility is 1500 sq ft, its inside capacity is 100 people. Its amenities include: gas range and oven, microwave oven, refrigerator, freezer and a fireplace (you must supply your own firewood).

There are nine (6ft x 3ft) tables, eight (5ft) round tables and 100 chairs. These tables and chairs may only be used inside.

The outside capacity of the facility is 400 people. There is a 3ft x 3ft barbecue grill and thirty-eight 8ft picnic tables, a 22ft x 12ft covered stage with one electrical outlet, and a 10ft x 10ft gazebo overlooking the Peace Arch and gardens.

- * Park and rental facility hours are 8 am to dusk daily. Please confirm your event's closing time with the park management.
- * You are responsible for rental clean up (inside and outside) by dusk (chapter 352-32 WAC).
- * Park in designated areas only. Driving or parking on the grass is prohibited.
- * Washington state law prohibits smoking inside public buildings or within 25ft of their entrances.
- * Alcohol is allowed in reserved areas only. No kegs are allowed.
- * Weddings: confetti and birdseed are not permitted. Real flower petals are okay.

Special Activity Permits for public gatherings (special events, ceremonies, public assemblies) may be applied for from the park manager. They are approved on an individual basis.

Additional information and photos are located on the other side of this brochure. For full detailed rental agreement terms or to schedule your special event or activity contact the park manager at (360) 332- 8221 or email Peace.Arch@PARKS.WA.GOV.

Call and schedule your special event today!