

Peace Arch Historical State Park Interpretive Themes

Interpretive Themes: The following interpretive themes are key ideas through which the park's significant historical and natural resource meanings are conveyed to the public.

These themes provide the foundations for all interpretive programs and media in Peace Arch Historical State Park and guide the development, maintenance and operation of the park.

- 1) The Peace Arch monument was financed and constructed by Samuel Hill as a powerful tribute to peace, highlighting the exemplary model of the relationship between two countries dedicated to freedom, the United States and Canada.
- 2) Peace Arch Historical State Park is a traditional meeting place where families and friends divided by the border can gather, and a place where all people can make their voices heard.
- 3) From time immemorial, native people whose present-day descendants are members of the Lummi Nation and Semiahmoo First Nation have frequented this place for subsistence and ceremony.
- 4) Annuals and Perennials dress Peace Arch Historical State Park in vibrant colors from Spring to Fall.
- 5) The placement of the United States/Canada border at 49° N latitude, settled as an arbitrary diplomatic solution, impacts the lives of those who cross the border and live nearby.

Our Mission

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission cares for Washington's most treasured lands, waters and historic places.

State parks connect all Washingtonians to their diverse natural and cultural heritage and provide memorable recreational and educational experiences that enhance their lives.

Our Vision

Washington's state parks will be cherished destinations with natural, cultural, recreational, artistic, and interpretive experiences that all Washingtonians enjoy, appreciate, and proudly support.