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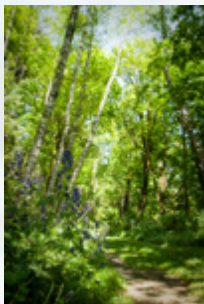
- **Park hours** – 6:30 a.m. to dusk year round.
- **Winter schedule** – Although most parks are open year round, some parks or portions of parks are closed during the winter. For a winter schedule and information about seasonal closures, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
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Washington State Parks

Fort Columbia

Historical State Park



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Fort Columbia Historical State Park is a 593-acre, day-use park rich in history and beauty. It is considered one of the most-intact coastal defense forts on the West Coast. Gun batteries remain open for exploration and nearby interpretive panels reveal how the fort operated when it was an active military reservation. The significance of the site has been recognized by its designation as a National Historic Landmark for its relationship to the fur trading history. But there's more than historic structures to explore at Fort Columbia.

The fort was built on a hillside that offers an expansive view of the Columbia River estuary. The majority of the park is now a heavily wooded hillside with 2.2 miles of hiking trails. The park also features 6,400 feet of Columbia River shoreline with sheltered coves perfect for beach exploration. Wildlife viewing and picnicking also are popular activities.

Overnight accommodations

Fort Columbia offers two historic vacation houses for overnight stays year round.

The **Steward's House** offers a spectacular view of the Columbia River from a broad open porch. The cozy two-story building, fully refurbished and updated, accommodates four guests and has retained its lovely original features. Adding to the old-time charm of the building are polished hardwood floors, wooden stairs leading to two bedrooms with queen-size beds and quilted covers, a living room with pressed-tin ceilings, an antique wood stove (converted to propane) and an antique claw-foot bathtub. The living room has a TV and DVD player, and the country-style kitchen has modern appliances.

Built in 1902, the **Scarborough House** is very spacious and comfortably accommodates up to 12 guests. Sleeping accommodations include one room with two queen-size beds, one room with one queen bed, one room with two twin beds and one room with one twin bed. In addition, the spacious living room has three full-size futons, plush couches and TV with DVD player. The living room opens onto a large porch that faces an old-growth forest. The dining room is stately, and a modern, tiled kitchen offers a comfortable place to prepare culinary delights.

Park history

Fort Columbia features original U.S. Army Coastal Artillery fort buildings and batteries, active from 1896 to 1947. The fort was built from 1896 to 1904 as one of the harbor defenses of the Columbia River and constructed on the Chinook Point promontory because of the unobstructed view of the Columbia River. It was off this point that Robert Gray anchored and named the river for his ship, "Columbia Rediviva." Nearby the point, was the Chinook Indian Nation's Middle Village, and later the Station Camp for the Lewis and Clark Expedition as they explored the coast.

For the duration of two wars, Fort Columbia was fully manned and operational. Declared surplus at the end of World War II, the fort transferred to the custody of the

state of Washington in 1950 and was then designated as a state park. Twelve historic wood-frame buildings and four coastal defense batteries still stand on the premises.

Park amenities and facilities

Fort Columbia Historical State Park offers the following amenities and facilities to make your visit more enjoyable and comfortable, including:

- 10 unsheltered picnic tables, available first come, first served
- Approximately 2.2 miles of hiking trails, including a self-guided interpretive historic walk

