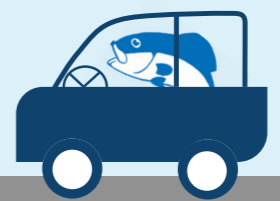




The Great American Hatchery Road Trip!

PNW Edition



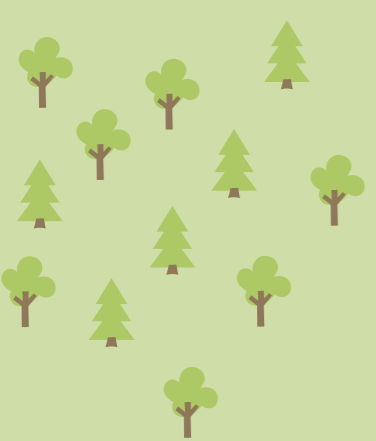
WELCOME TO Washington

There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the anticipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!



Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery



Established in 1901, Spring Creek annually raises 12.5 million Tule Fall Chinook salmon to fulfill Tribal Trust responsibilities and support the commercial fishing industry. The hatchery is part of the Columbia River Gorge National Fish Hatchery Complex. Pro tip: The best time to visit the hatchery is late-August through September when the adult salmon are returning!



Get those toes tapping when you jam out to Ray Charles and his classic "Hit the Road Jack" (but please DO come back!).



There are plenty of opportunities to view fish, especially in the fall when the salmon return! However, if you'd rather catch fish than watch them, the shore areas provide respectable smallmouth bass habitat!



A great time to visit is the annual Open House held in September. Folks get the chance to view adult salmon, watch spawning, see adult salmon jumping up the fish ladder, and learn the important role hatcheries play.



Wanna see something super cool? Every September, adult salmon return to the hatchery and enter by climbing up a fish ladder, which is more like a staircase that provides a resting space between "rungs" for the salmon making this journey.



Interesting tidbit for history lovers: the original hatchery was flooded when the Bonneville Dam was completed in 1938. Plan a detour to the Dam to learn more about it!



Wander down the hatchery's nature trail to get closer to the river with spectacular views of the mountain and river recreationists; displaying their brightly colored sails. Bring along your favorite notebook and take a stab at penning some catchy haikus!



MAP LEGEND

- The Angler
- The Explorer
- The Animal Lover
- The Historian
- The Artist



We hope you're not sick of fish because the detour for this trip just so happens to be another hatchery! A mere 10 minutes down the road is Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery so you can keep the fishy times rolling! If you want to switch out salmon for sturgeon, head across the border to the state of Oregon's Bonneville Hatchery and visit Herman the Sturgeon, a 15-foot cutie!



Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.

Next Exit: More Hatchery Fun!

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