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# Welcome to Walla Walla

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## Washington's Hidden Treasure

Named for the Native American tribe that inhabited the valley, Walla Walla means 'the place of many waters' and was once a stopping point along the Oregon Trail.

At the foot of the rugged Blue Mountains in one of the nation's most fertile valleys, Walla Walla sustains a variety of agricultural crops - most notably sweet onions - and has a growing wine industry, boasting world class wines, nearly 100 local wineries, and a wine-making school.

The city is home to approximately 30,000 residents, three colleges, three hospitals, and headquarters for the regional Army Corps of Engineers.

It serves as the medical, cultural, educational, and commercial center of Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon.

Whitman College, chartered in 1859, is a nationally renowned liberal arts college; Walla Walla College, founded in 1892 by the Seventh Day Adventist Church, is a four-year comprehensive college; and Walla Walla Community College, started in 1967, is the fastest growing community college in the state.

The colleges, hospitals, school district, Corps, Washington State Penitentiary, and agriculture related businesses provide a stable economic platform in the community.

Cultural activities, including theater, museums, art galleries, antique displays, lectures, and concerts equal those of communities several times its size. The Walla Walla Symphony is the oldest symphony west of the Mississippi.

The Walla Walla Valley provides year-round recreational opportunities for boating, sailing, canoeing, skiing, hunting, snowmobiling, mountain biking, fishing and golfing.



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