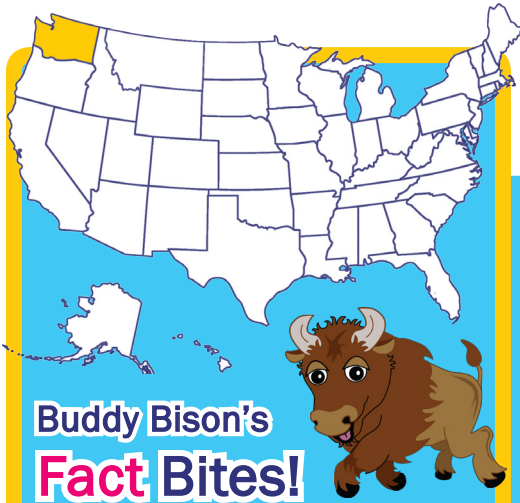


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- **Before becoming a state, the territory was called Columbia. When the territory became a state its name was changed to Washington, making it the only state named after a president.**
- **Mount Mitchell once received 14.26 inches of rain in one day!**
- **Mount St. Helens' eruption in 1980 devastated over four billion square feet of forest land.**
- **It is nicknamed "The Evergreen State" for its vast and abundant evergreen forests.**



1. Mount Rainier National Park

View Comet Falls, check out the Reflection Lakes, then cross the suspension bridge over the Ohanapecosh River. Camp overnight and keep an eye out for elk and black bears!

2. North Cascades National Park

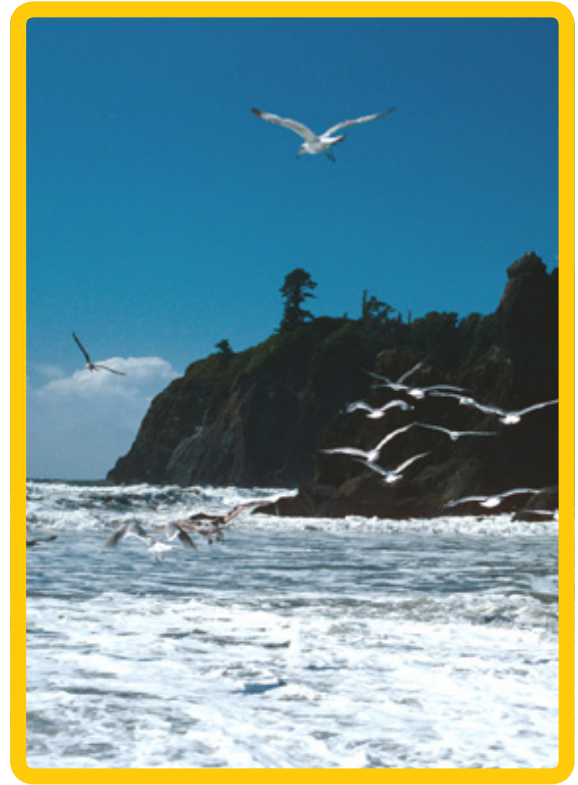
Learn about area history at the North Cascades visitor center, then cruise up Lake Chelan on the Lady of the Lake. View the Diablo Lake overlook and hike the Happy Creek Forest Walk. Picnic on Cascade River Road or cross-country ski in the winter. Spend the night camping.

3. San Juan Island National Historical Park

Discover the history of the island by exploring the American and English Camps. Kayak and look for orca whales in the bay. Pick blackberries and look in the tide pools for small ocean creatures. Stargaze and camp overnight.

4. Olympic National Park

Hike the Staircase Rapids Loop and check out Sol Duc Falls. See giant trees throughout the park and spot Roosevelt elk. Go bird watching and look for rhododendrons in the spring. Try to find petroglyphs or visit Ruby Beach.



5. Deception Pass State Park

Cross the Deception Pass Bridge then hike the Sand Dune Trail. Swim, fish and play in Cranberry Lake. Reserve an island for an overnight stay and keep an eye out for whales!

6. Cape Disappointment State Park

Stop by the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center then visit the North Head Lighthouse and the Cape Disappointment Lighthouse. Play on Benson Beach or go swimming, fishing or clamming! Spend the night camping.

7. Riverside State Park

Visit the Spokane House Interpretive Center, then hike the ADA trail. Look for pictographs and check out the "bowl and pitcher" rocks.