Area Info

Skagit Valley

The Skagit Valley is a prime agricultural area. Its main claim to fame is its abundant tulip industry, but it is also known for many crops such as peas, potatoes, cucumbers, wheat, broccoli, brussels sprouts, pumpkins, raspberries, apples and strawberries. You will find them all in seasonal roadside stands and in local markets.

The valley has fine restaurants, shopping, theatres, charming bed and breakfasts and modern inns. The area also hosts excellent medical facilities with most specialties and hospitals in Anacortes, Mount Vernon and Sedro Woolley.

Outdoor recreation opportunities abound with many wonderful camping sites and both local & state parks. The Northern Cascades and Mount Baker hiking & ski areas are easily accessible. Skagit County is home to many different kinds of wildlife, including migrating Canadian snow geese and trumpeter swans. Eagles soaring over the valley is a common sight.

La Conner

La Conner was founded in the early 1860's and is Skagit County's oldest community. In 1869, the whole town, plus 70 acres, was deeded to John Conner for $500. To honor his wife, Louisa A. Conner, the town's original name, S*winomish,* was changed to *La Conner* in 1870. The center of town is considered a historic district and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To learn more about this quaint tourist town, here are some recommended links:

La Conner - Wikipedia

Town of La Conner

La Conner Chamber of Commerce

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Anacortes

Located on Fidalgo Island, Anacortes is surrounded by the north Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands on three sides, and by the Swinomish Channel and the flats of Skagit Valley to the east. Accessible by bridge, the city was officially incorporated in 1891. The name *Anacortes* is a consolidation of the name Anna Curtis, wife of early Fidalgo Island settler Amos Bowman. To learn more about this gateway to the San Juan Islands, here are some recommended links:

Anacortes - Wikipedia

City of Anacortes

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce

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Mount Vernon

First settled in 1870, Mount Vernon has been the Skagit County seat since 1884. As one would expect, the city was named after the plantation estate and resting place of George Washington in Virginia. In 1998, Mount Vernon was rated the #1 "Best Small City in America" by the *New Rating Guide to Life in America's Small Cities.* To learn more about this Skagit Valley hub, here are some recommended links:

Mount Vernon - Wikipedia

City of Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce

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