

Washington

2012 State Report



Washington's State Tree is the Western Hemlock.

Washington State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation Members
in Washington: **21,088**



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Washington:

Tree City USA Communities: **80**
Total population served: **2,877,314**

Largest Tree City USA in Washington:
Seattle, population 563,374

Smallest Tree City USA in Washington:
Hunts Point, population 450

Tree Line USA Utilities: **8**

Tree Campus USA Colleges: **4**

Certified Nature Explore Classrooms: **2**

**Washington celebrates Arbor Day on the
second Wednesday in April.**

Nature Explore Classrooms Are Changing the Lives of Children

Children today spend less time outdoors and are more disconnected from nature than ever before. At the same time studies show increasing rates of childhood obesity, diabetes, and behavior challenges. Addressing the problem is the growing Nature Explore program, a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. Nature Explore provides comprehensive, field-tested resources to help educators, administrators, and families make nature part of the daily lives of children – at child care centers, schools, nature centers, parks, and at home.

Nature Explore Classrooms, in spaces large and small, continue to be designed and built across the country using field-tested principles in the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* (available at natureexplore.org). In Nature Explore Classrooms, children begin to understand the natural world around them, instilling a lifelong sense of wonder and a love of nature...creating the earth's next generation of tree planters and environmental stewards. To learn more about Nature Explore Classrooms in Washington, please visit natureexplore.org/classrooms.



Washington Members Plant 149,209 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 21,088 Washington members helped plant more than 149,209 trees across the state last year.

Wallapa Hendrickson, a loyal member from Richland, Washington, has been planting membership trees since 1991. She shared with us a photo of her favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Wallapa, Washington will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Wallapa with two of her thriving almond trees.

Cold Springs Fire Regeneration, Klickitat District, Washington State Department of Natural Resources

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources manages 5.6 million acres of forest, range, agricultural, aquatic, and commercial lands for the people of Washington. Their work provides fish and wildlife habitat and clean and abundant water. Additionally, the practice of sustainable forest management ensures the health of their forests.

Recent disease had left the forest vulnerable and in a declining state of health. Also a lightning strike ignited a fire that swept across approximately 1,000 forested acres. The intensity of the burn, coupled with the poor forest health condition, resulted in very little viable seed to allow for natural regeneration. So with the help of Arbor Day Foundation members and partners the area was replanted with a total of 221,880 trees: western larch, ponderosa pine, Englemann spruce, western white pine, and mountain hemlock.



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★ = Mt. Adams

Tree Campus USA

Colleges and universities across the United States can be recognized as a Tree Campus USA college by meeting five standards developed to promote healthy trees and student involvement. By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus not only benefits the environment but instills pride in the students, faculty, and community.

The following Washington colleges have been recognized as Tree Campus USA schools:

- Clark College
- Columbia Basin College
- University of Washington
- Pacific Lutheran University

Learn more about the Tree Campus USA program at arborday.org/treecampususa.



Washington Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA® program encourages, supports, and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 36 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with more than 3,400 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Washington because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Washington boasts 80 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Washington Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$21,043,872 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 2.8 million Washington residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Washington's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water, and beautify the entire state.



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