

Country Inns of the Far West: Pacific Northwest / 101 Productions, 1987 / 9780892862702 / 1987 / 242 pages / Rachel Bard

Pacific Coastal Northwest Indians - What made some of the Pacific Northwest Indian tribes "rich" in ancient times? Why were woven mats so important? How did totem poles get started?Â California Indians - The Far West was a land of great diversity. Death Valley and Mount Whitney are the highest and lowest points in the United States. They are within sight of each other. The region of the Pacific Northwest has a long, rich history. Here are 10 interesting and important facts to know about this West Coast vicinity.Â The Columbia River, which begins in the Columbia Plateau in western Idaho and flows through the Cascades to the Pacific Ocean, has the second-largest flow of water (behind the Mississippi River) than any other river in the lower 48 states. In general, the Pacific Northwest has a wet and cool climate which has led to the growth of extensive forests featuring some of the largest trees in the world. The region's coastal forests are considered temperate rainforests. More inland, however, the climate can be drier with more harsh winters and warmer summers. The Pacific Northwest (PNW), sometimes referred to as Cascadia, is a geographic region in western North America bounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west and (loosely) by the Rocky Mountains on the east. Though no official boundary exists, the most common conception includes the Canadian province of British Columbia (BC) and the U.S. states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Broader conceptions reach north into Southeast Alaska and Yukon, south into northern California, and east to the Continental Divide. The borders of the Pacific Northwest (PNW) are not agreed upon by everyone. Though some argue that the PNW reaches as far north as Alaska, as far east as Montana and Wyoming, and as far south as San Francisco, most people agree that Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia are the core of the PNW. With that in mind, here are the most incredible places in the region. Seattle.Â One of the most complex and least understood geological formations in North America, the park is also home to the Columbia River (the largest river system in the west of the U.S.) and Lake Chelan (the third deepest natural lake in the nation). Recreation opportunities include camping, hiking, climbing, bicycling, boating, fishing, and horseback riding.