

HISTORY/ TOURISM



Gateway to Mt. Rainier

Long ago, a group of Native Americans camped at the base of Mount Enumclaw and were frightened by a loud rattling noise that seemed to come from within the mountain. From that time forward, they called the mountain “Enumclaw,” which in their tongue means “loud rattling noise” or “thundering mountain.”



In 1879, Frank and Mary Stevenson homesteaded what is now the center of town. Early settlers called this area “Stevensonville,” but the name later changed to Enumclaw. The town of Enumclaw was platted on October 31, 1885, when the railroad decided to come through this area. Enumclaw is situated at an elevation of 760 feet above sea level in a pastoral setting between plateau farmlands and the Cascade Mountains. The City

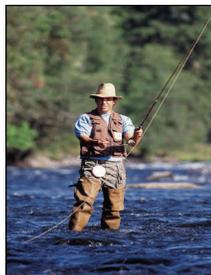
of Enumclaw encompasses an area of 4.3 square miles. It’s beautiful homes with their well-kept yards contribute to the community’s being one of the most attractive in King County. The surrounding plateau, with a population of more than 40,000, is one of the largest thoroughbred horse breeding and boarding areas in the United States.

Enumclaw has a current population of 11,190 (2006 estimate) with retail, service, medical, cultural, educational and recreational facilities for convenience and enjoyment. Enumclaw is described by the Mayor as a “full service” city with their own police, fire, library, utilities, sewers, schools, pool and golf course. The quality of life is the main reason given by local business owners and the community alike for maintaining their residence in Enumclaw.



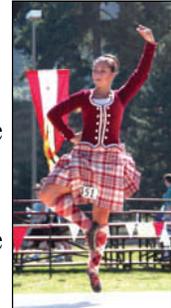
Our City, known as the gateway to Mt Rainier, is within one hour of any activity imaginable, skiing, hiking, beaches, large-city culture, and professional sports. There are numerous local facilities for golf, tennis and youth sports.

Enumclaw is a year-around recreation destination area. In the spring, lakes and streams provide the angler with the opportunity to catch a mess of feisty trout. Mountain biking, camping, hiking, horseback riding, backpacking and boating await the outdoor enthusiast.



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May brings the Mutual of Enumclaw Stage Race, a bicycle race that brings professional and amateur racers from all over the country to Enumclaw. The summer months are filled with fun activities including an old-fashioned Fourth of July Celebration, King County Fair, and the popular three-day Enumclaw Street Fair. The Scottish Highland Games Festival in July provides traditional events, wonderful bagpipe music, plus Scottish food and drink. Come to the gathering of clans and visit with the people from all over the world who attend this celebration.



The fall season ushers in a blazingly colorful autumn in the surrounding neighborhood and high country. We invite you to hike the numerous trails and enjoy the beauty in our own backyard.

In December, as Christmas spirit fills the air, Enumclaw is host to its annual Christmas Parade and tree-lighting ceremony. This is a wonderful place to shop during the busy holiday season.

For winter fun, come and enjoy the miles of snowmobile, down-hill and cross-country areas that await you. Take advantage of the first-class ski facilities at Crystal Mountain Resort, ranked the #12 ski area in North America by *SKIING MAGAZINE* in 2003. Try your skill at catching the winter run of steelhead trout to be found in nearby White, Green, Carbon and Puyallup Rivers.



Enumclaw boasts six school park playgrounds and an indoor public swimming pool. The City of Enumclaw Parks and Recreation Department operates seventeen beautiful City parks, which serve our community. Many of the parks have picnic and play areas for youth and adults, including basketball, softball, tennis and soccer areas, and playgrounds.



Enumclaw also offers a state-of-the-art baseball complex. Boise Creek Sixplex, with six playing fields for our Little League, school teams and host tournament play from May through September.

