

Pasco “Must-Do” Suggestions

- 1) Discover the bounty of harvest at the **Pasco Farmer’s Market** (the largest open-air, fresh-produce farmer’s market in Washington State).
- 2) Step inside the **Franklin County Courthouse** and view one of the oldest and most remarkable buildings in the Tri-Cities area.
- 3) Discover a rich past and diverse present at the **Franklin County Historical Society** Museum (a former Carnegie Library building now on the National Register of Historic Places.)
- 4) Learn of Pasco’s railroading history at the **Washington State Railroads Society Historical Museum**.
- 5) Explore in the footsteps of Lewis & Clark at the **Sacajawea State Park & Interpretive Center**.
- 6) Visit the **McNary National Wildlife Refuge** and learn of the region’s wide variety of wildlife.
- 7) Sip the newest vintage at one of Washington’s earliest wineries: **Preston Premium Wines**.
- 8) Sample the best of harvest’s bounty at the **Country Mercantile**.
- 9) Dine at **Bin No. 20 Steak & Seafood Restaurant**, the Tri-Cities newest wine bar & restaurant.

PASCO FARMERS’ MARKET

You can usually find the following fresh produce at Pasco Farmers’ Market:

- Asparagus - April through June
- Snap Beans - July through September
- Carrots - late July through early October
- Sweet Corn - late July through September
- Lettuce - late June through October
- Onions - mid June through mid September
- Cultivated Blackberries - mid July through early October
- Cranberries - October
- Currants - July
- Raspberries - late June through early August
- Strawberries - mid June through mid July
- Apples - mid August through October
- Apricots: late June through mid August
- Sweet Cherries - June through July
- Grapes - September through early October
- Peaches - mid July through mid September
- Bartlett Pears - August through mid September
- Other pears - late August through October
- Prunes - August through early October
- Watermelons and other melons - July through August

The Pasco Farmers’ Market is well known as a gathering place for locals to get the freshest seasonal vegetables, gourmet goodies, and bounty of harvest from local farmers and food vendors. Compare quality and prices and see what’s in season.

The market also showcases local artisans and craftspeople, so you can usually find works of art, wood carving, handmade soaps, homemade jellies, jams, syrups, pies, pastries, and other baked goods; as well as fresh cut flowers, garden herbs, strings of colored peppers, a coffee/espresso stand, a tamale and taco vendor, and shaved-ice vendor; not to mention entertainment offered by local performers.

FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Franklin County Courthouse is located in Historic Downtown Pasco. Built in 1913, this Second Renaissance Revival-style domed structure is located in historic downtown Pasco. The building features a gray-buff brick exterior with details of light terra cotta, the roof is crowned by a paneled dome on a polygonal drum surfaced with highly reflective asbestos aluminum paint (during World War II, the county was asked to remove the silver paint because of its potential to aid enemy pilots). A hooded gable penetrates the dome exterior at each compass point. The distyle entry is recessed behind Ionic columns and features a double leaf door, pedimented with sidelights, fitted into a full arched opening. The central rotunda interior is the most arresting space of the Franklin County Courthouse. The crème colored marble coupled with azure and gold accents provides a space that is at once comfortable

and elegant. Floors are finished in white tile with a meander pattern in gray, black, and brown radiating from the center of the floor. A porcelain drinking fountain occupies the point of intersection of the meander. Illuminated overhead by a drum clerestory is a 36-foot diameter, brilliantly colored, cut-glass dome featuring the names of county towns within elaborate cartouches. Special decorative elements include: cartouche with the letter "F" fitted into archways; lighting globes hung from brass cartouche; tall, round-arched window openings on the first floor; as well as a second-floor oeil-de-boeuf. Franklin County Commissioners Office, (509) 546-5866; open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Located in a former Carnegie Library, the museum building itself is listed in on the National Historic Register. Pioneer, Indian, aviation, and railroad exhibits give insight into our regions unique place in history. View wartime memorabilia and the local archive of acclaimed Hollywood cinematographer, James Wong Howe. 305 N. 4th Ave., Pasco, WA 99301, (509) 547-3714

WA STATE RAILROADS HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Dedicated to preserving the history of railroads and railroading in the State of Washington. The museum's collection includes train tools and parts, early railroad signs, including an early Pasco depot sign, a 1938 gas-powered speeder used for track maintenance, scales, early photographs, dishes, matchbooks and other rail company memorabilia. Open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday only. Admission: Free, donations welcome. 122 N. Tacoma Ave., Pasco, WA 99301, (509) 543-4159, www.wsrhs.org

SACAJAWEA STATE PARK & INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Located at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers in Pasco. This site is historically significant as it was here that the explorers knew, for the first time since entering uncharted territory, exactly where they were...at the gateway to the Pacific Ocean, the Columbia River. The interpretive center houses a collection of local American Indian artifacts and interpretive exhibits about the Lewis & Clark Expedition, Sacajawea, and the early peoples, cultures and traditions of this area. 2503 Sacajawea Park Rd., Pasco, WA 99301, (509) 545-2361

McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & McNARY NATIONAL WILDLIFE CENTER

The McNary Wildlife Refuge is located just east of Pasco, near the Snake River, and provides an excellent chance to view many species of animal, songbird, waterfowl, and migratory birds including tundra swans, snow geese, green-winged teals, Northern shovellers, canvasbacks, redheads, ring-necked ducks and lesser scaup. The refuge includes 15,000 acres of water and marsh, croplands, grasslands, trees and shrubs, and is an important resting and feeding area for up to 100,000 migrating waterfowl in the Pacific Fly-way. The most favorable viewing opportunities occur between October and December. Nesting activity commences from March through Late July. More than 212 species of bird are regularly sighted at the Refuge, including several endangered species (Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle). Phone (509) 943-OWL to hear about sightings of rare or unusual birds seen recently.

Second Saturday: The second Saturday of every month, the Friends of McNary and US Fish & Wildlife Service personnel provide interactive events at the Refuge. Event vary but may include: flint knapping demonstrations (traditional techniques for making arrowheads); bird-banding; retriever demonstrations; tribal culture and storyteaching; nature walks; and more. Go to www.nwr.mcnary.wa.us for updated monthly information.

The McNary National Wildlife Center is staffed by knowledgeable Audubon and Ornithological Society representatives that offer education and interpretive assistance regarding native flora and fauna. Walk the wetlands nature trail and view the habitat used by many species of waterfowl, upland birds and animals. The Center offers workshops and group sessions including "The Nature Safari," a two hour nature walk that includes hands-on learning stations. The interpretive center also offers life-like mounts of 70 birds and animals, and a chance to handle real feathers, bones and pelts. Working with the Wanapum People, the Refuge recently installed a traditional Tule Mat Lodge as a station for study of culture, history and meditation. For photos and information visit: <http://nwr.mcnary.wa.us/tulelodgerises.html>. 600 E. Maple, Burbank, WA 99323, Refuge: (509) 547-4942, Center: (509) 543-8322

PRESTON PREMIUM WINES

The Preston family is one of the pioneer grape growers in the Columbia Valley. Their vineyards at the winery was begun in 1972 and has been producing wines under the Preston label since 1976. The Preston line includes a major selection of varietals specializing in Cabernet, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, as well as Ports. The tasting room and gift shop offers visitors a chance to browse and take a self-guided tour of the winery. The winery has a picnic park with gazebo and amphitheater; and the tasting room offers sweeping views of the vineyards and Pasco's agricultural lands. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 daily. 502 E. Vineyard Dr., Pasco, WA 99301. (509) 545-1990. www.prestonwines.com

COUNTRY MERCANTILE

Explore Country Mercantile with emphasis on children's activities: farm-animal petting zoo, pumpkin patch, and corn/alfalfa maze. The Country Mercantile is located just off hwy 395 in Pasco, and is more than roadside fruit-stand, it is "entertainment agriculture at its best. Visitors to the Country Mercantile will find fresh seasonal produce, a host of local & northwest specialty food products including jams, jellies, pickled asparagus and other vegetables, fruited honeys, sweet onion vinegars and dressings, dried fruits, and a staggering assortment of candies and other goodies. Owner Jay Wood has taken the bounty of harvest and turned it into sumptuous confectionary temptations! The Country Mercantile features an on-site candy kitchen where they produce wonderful chocolates, brittle, kettle candy, fudge, candied apples, homemade ice cream and other tasty treats.

The Mercantile also features a country deli with wonderful soups, sandwiches and daily specials; and a two-story display of country crafts and home collectibles. Every fall visitors will find a farm-animal petting zoo to acquaint city-folk with cows, chickens, pigs, and a variety of country livestock. And they coordinate a "pumpkin patch" where families can hop aboard a flatbed truck and take a hay ride to pick a pumpkin right out of the field. Or, they can explore the hay bale and/or corn maze which challenges both the young and young at heart. What started out as a small roadside fruit stand to showcase the family farm has become an interactive farm-experience destination. Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Jay Wood, Owner / Max Uriostegui, Manager, 232 Crestloch Rd., Pasco, WA 99301 (509) 545-2192

BIN NO. 20 STEAK & SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Located at 2525 North 20th Avenue, inside the Red Lion Hotel Pasco, Bin No. 20 features a comprehensive selection of Washington State wines by the glass, bottle and in tasting flights. Designed to focus attention on the wines of

Washington State, with menu items complementing the wines, Bin No. 20 operates under the banner, "Great food, great wine, great people." In addition to offering a choice of 20 different wines by the glass on any given night, the wine bar and restaurant will draw on a cellar of 110 different wines. Using seasonal ingredients to showcase regional flavors, the chef pairs menu selections with the varying list of offered wines. Their primary focus is on local produce, Washington wines, and a great family atmosphere. Pasco Red Lion Hotel, (509) 547-0701