Klickitat County

was founded in 1859 from parts of Skamania and Walla Walla counties. It was named after the Klickitat Indian tribe and the word means "robber or thief." The county is located in the extreme south center of the state and is bounded on the south by the Columbia River. Erastus Joslyn first settled the county in 1852. However, not until 1867 was an effective county government organized. Transportation played an important part in the county's history. An U.S. Army wagon road crossed the county in 1855, and later the Columbia Railway and Navigation Company's railroad and competing Columbia River steamboats provided a colorful chapter in its history. Today, Klickitat County base
s its economy on food processing, agriculture and wood
products.

NOTE: Immediately after creation, territorial legislature spelled the county's name CLICITAT. By the next territorial legislative session, the spelling was finalized as KLICKITAT.
Bounded by: Yakima County (N), Benton County (E), Oregon (S), and Skamania County (W),
County Seat : Grand Dalles or Rockland Flats, now called Dallesport (1859-1878) and Goldendale (1878 - present).

Chambers of Commerce:

Greater Goldendale Chamber of Commerce, 903 E Broadway, PO Box 524, Goldendale, WA 98620. Phone 509-773-3400. Fax 509-773-3411.
Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 449, White Salmon, WA 98672-0449. Phone 509-493-3630.
White Salmon Chamber of Commerce, One Heritage Plaza, PO Box 449, White Salmon, WA 98672-0449. Phone 509-493-3630. Fax 360-493-3670.

Courthouse:

205 S Columbus, Goldendale, WA 98620. Courthouse hours Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00 p.m.
***Assessor*:** Room 200. Phone 509-773-3715. Fax 509-773-6397. Available to the public 9am to 5pm.
***Auditor*:** Room 203. Phone 509-773-4001. Fax 509-773-4244. Bring all information available: names, dates (within a 10 year period) are helpful. Description of
property can be accessed through the Auditor's office.
Clerk: Room 204. Phone 509-773-5744. Fax 509-773-4559.
Treasurer: PO Box 26. Phone 773-4664. Fax 509-773-6301.

Genealogical Society:

Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 1088
The Dalles, Oregon 97058
CGGS covers Wasco, Hood River, and Sherman counties in Oregon and Klickitat county in Washington

Health Department:

Southwest Washington Health Department, 2000 Ft. Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA 98668. Phone 360-696-8414. Fax 360-696-8424 (call first).

Historical Society:

Klickitat County Historical Society, 127 W Broadway, PO Box 86, Goldendale, WA 98620. Phone 509-773-4303. Membership available. Society's collection includes an archives, photography collection, and history books. Operates Presby Mansion.

Libraries - Academic:

Libraries - Public:

Fort Vancouver Regional Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98663-3599. Phone 360-695-1561. Fax 360-693-2681.
The following are libraries in this system:

Goldendale Community Library, 131 W Burgen, Goldendale, WA 98620. Phone 509-773-4487.

Fax 509-773-3345.

White Salmon Community Library, 142 E Jewett Blvd, PO Box 1579, White Salmon, WA 98672. Phone 509-493-1132. Fax 509-493-2943.

Libraries - Special:

Goldendale Family History Center, Columbus & McKinley, Goldendale, WA. Phone 509-773-3824.

Klickitat County Law Library, County Courthouse, 205 S Columbus, Rm 206, Goldendale, WA 98260. Phone 509-773-5755.

Museums and Historical Sites:

Gorge Heritage Museum, 202 E Humboldt, Bingen, WA 98605. Phone 509-493-3228. "Objects related to West Klickitat County."

Klickitat County Historical Society Presby Museum, 127 W Broadway, Goldendale, WA 98620. Phone 509-773-4303. Restored Victorian home built in 1902 by the Presby family provides view of life in Goldendale between 1880 and 1930. Historical Society's collection also includes numerous historical items from the county, and a photographic and archival collection.

Maryhill Museum of Art and Stonehenge Replica, 35 Maryhill Museum Drive, Goldendale, WA 98620. Phone 509-773-3733. Fax 509-772-4303. Membership available. Housed in the impressive home of railroad magnate Sam Hill, the Museum houses permanent and visiting art and cultural collections from around the world, as well as archival and photo collections. Nearby is the replica of England's Stonehenge built by Sam Hill to commemorate the men of Klickitat County who lost their lives in World War I.

Whoop N Holler Museum, E Road, Bickleton, WA 99322. Phone 509-896-2344. "Two large buildings filled with antique classic car collection, local historical memorabilia, family heirlooms."

State Archive Branch:

Central Region (Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan and Yakima counties.) Bledsoe-Washington Archives Building, Central Washington University MS 7547, Ellensburg, WA 98926-7547. Phone: 509-963-2136. Fax 509-963-1753. E-mail: CEBranchArchives@sos.wa.gov. Records Management e-mail: recordsmanagement@sos.w.gov Research Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:30p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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