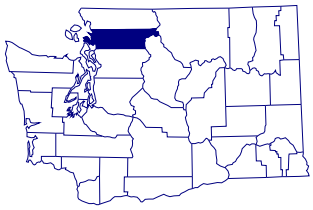

Skagit County was created in 1883 from Whatcom County and is named after a local Indian tribe. It is located in the northwestern part of the state and stretches from Puget Sound on the west to the crest of the Cascade Mountains on the east. The county has been settled since 1859; however gold strikes in the 1870's brought in miners who later took up logging and farming after the gold gave out. In 1889 the introduction of a railroad into the county helped to increase its population. Today, Skagit County has a rich and diverse economic base. It is one of the state's most productive vegetable and berry growing areas. Dairying and poultry raising are important economic activities and the county is also a producer of cement, steel and wood products.

Bounded by: Whatcom County (N), Okanogan and Chelan counties (E), Snohomish County (S), and Island County, San Juan County and Puget Sound (W).

County Seat: Mt Vernon

Genealogical Society:

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society, (www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasvgs/) PO Box 722, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

County Government: (www.skagitcounty.net) 700 2nd St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273. Courthouse hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Assessor: Admin Bldg, Room 204. Phone 360-336-9370. Fax 360-336-9308. Email assessor@co.skagit.wa.us.

Auditor: PO Box 1306. Administration Bldg Room 201, Phone 360-336-9420. Fax 360-336-9429.

Clerk: 205 W. Kincaid, Room 103, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273 Phone 360-336-9440. Email suprtclark@co.skagit.wa.us.

Treasurer: PO Box 518. Phone 360-336-9350. Fax 360-336-9344. Email treasurer@co.skagit.wa.us.

Health Department: Skagit County Health Department, (www.skagitcounty.net/Common/asp/default.asp?d=Health&c=General&p=main.htm)

Skagit County Courthouse 700 2nd #301, Mt Vernon, WA 98273. Phone 360-336-9380 E-Mail health@co.skagit.wa.us

Historical Society:

Anacortes Museum Foundation, http://museum.anacortes.org 1305 8th, Anacortes, WA 98221. Phone 360-293-1915. E-Mail coa.museum@cityofanacortes.org

Libraries - Academic:

Skagit Valley College, (http://library.skagit.edu) Norwood Cole Library, 2405 East College Way, Mt Vernon, WA 98273-5899. Phone 360-416-7850. Fax 360-416-7698.

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Anacortes Public Library, (www.library.cityofanacortes.org) 1220 10th St, Anacortes, WA 98221. Phone 360-293-1910. Fax 360-293-1929.

Burlington Public Library, (www.ci.burlington.wa.us/page.asp_Q_navigationid_E_70#1) 820 E Washington Ave., Burlington, WA 98233. Phone 360-755-0760. Fax 360-755-0717.

Concrete Public Library, 45672 Main St., Concrete, WA 98237. Phone 360-853-8950. Fax 360-853-8002. Email conlib@yahoo.com.

Guemes Island Library, http://gil.octopia.com/ 5293 Guemes Island Rd, Guemes Island, WA 98221-9041.

LaConner Regional Library, http://www.lclib.lib.wa.us/ 614 Morris St, PO Box 370, LaConner, WA 98257-0370. Phone 360-466-3352. Fax 360-466-9178. Email library@lclib.lib.wa.us

Mt Vernon City Library, (www.librarytechnology.org/wc-displaylibrary.PL?RC=1638) 315 Snoqualmie St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273-4226. Phone 360-336-6209. Fax 360-336-6259.

Sedro Wooley Public Library, http://www.youseemore.com/sedro-woolley/ 802 Ball Ave, Sedro Wooley, WA 98284-2008. Phone 360-855-1166. Fax 360-855-0636.

Libraries - Special:

Mt Vernon Family History Center Library, 1700 Hazel St, Mt Vernon, WA. Phone 360-424-7723.

Samish Indian National Tribal Library, (www.fidalgo@fidaldo.net/~samish) PO Box 217, Anacortes, WA 98221. Phone 360-293-6404. Fax 362-299-0790.

Skagit County Historical Museum Library, 501 S Fourth, PO Box 818, LaConner, WA 98257.

Skagit County Law Library, 205 W Kincaid #104, Mt Vernon, WA 98273-3879. Phone 360-336-9234. Fax 360-336-9307.

Skagit Valley Genealogical Society Library, located in the Burlington Public Library, 820 E. Washington Ave., Burlington, WA 98233

Swinomish Indian Tribe Library, PO Box 388, La Conner, WA 98257. Phone 360-466-7207. Email swinlib@cnw.com.

Upper Skagit Indian Tribe Library, 25962 Community Plaza Way, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284. Phone 360-856-3570, ext 275. Fax 360-856-6669.

Museums and Historical Sites:

Anacortes History Museum, (www.anacorteshistorymuseum.org) 1305 8th, Anacortes, WA 98221. Phone 360-293-1915. Fax 360-293-1929. Email museum@cityofanacortes.org.

North Cascades National Park Service Complex, 810 State Route 20, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284. Phone 360-854-7200. Fax 360-856-1934.

Samish Coastal Salish Cultural Interpretive Center, http://samishtribe.nsn.us PO Box 217, Anacortes, WA 98221-0217. Phone 360-293-6404. Fax 360-299-0790. Email samishtribe@samishtribe.nsn.us.

Sedro-Wooley Museum, 725 Murdock St, Sedro-Wooley, WA 98284. Phone 360-855-2390. Email raine@cnw.com.

Skagit County Historical Museum, (www.skagitcounty.net/museum) PO Box 818, 501 S Fourth, LaConner, WA 98257. Phone 360-466-3365. Fax 360-466-1611. Email museum@co.skagit.wa.us.

Volunteer Fire Department Museum, PO Box 581, La Conner, WA 98257. Phone 360-466-3083. Fax 360-466-5310.

W T Preston Sternwheel Snagboat, 713 R Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221. Phone 360-293-1915.

State Archives Branch:

Northwest Region (www.secstate.wa.gov/archives/nwrb.htm) (Clallam, Island, Jefferson, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties). Goltz-Murray Archives Building, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225-9123. Phone 360-650-3125. Fax: 360-650-3323. Email state.archives@wwu.edu. Research hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - noon and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Chambers of Commerce:

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, http://www.anacortes.org/chamber.cfm/ 819 Commercial, Suite F, Anacortes, WA 98221. Phone 360-293-3832. Fax 360-293-1595. Email info@anacortes.org

Burlington Chamber of Commerce, http://www.burlington-chamber.com/ 111 S. Cherry St., Burlington, WA 98233. Phone 360-757-0994. Fax 360-757-0821.

Concrete Chamber of Commerce, http://concrete-wa.com PO Box 743, Concrete, WA 98237. Phone 360-853-7042. Email chamber@concrete-wa.com

La Conner Chamber of Commerce, http://www.laconnerchamber.com/ PO Box 1610, 606 Morris St, La Conner, WA 98257. Phone 360-466-4778. Toll Free 888-642-9284. E-Mail info@laconnerchamber.com

Mt Vernon Chamber of Commerce, http://www.mountvernonchamber.com 105 R Kincaid St. Suite 101, Mt Vernon, WA 98273. Phone 360-428-8547. Fax 360-424-6237. Email info@mountvernonchamber.com

Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce, http://www.sedro-woolley.com/ 714B Metcalf St, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284. Phone 360-855-1841. Fax 360-855-1582. Email swchamber@sedrowoolley.com

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