

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Ore. July 31 - August 3, 2024



WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

- 4:00 8:00 PM Registration will be open for bag pickup
 West Foyer, Embassy Suites Portland Airport
- 5:00 7:00 PM Welcome Reception The Pines, Embassy Suites Portland Airport

 Join your fellow NPTC members for a convention kick-off reception with light hor d'oeuvres, cash bar, and plenty of fellowship.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

- 8:15 AM Fort Vancouver NHS and Bonneville Dam Bus Tour A Bus departs at 8:30 AM

 Tour through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area with a stop at Bonneville Dam, the historic fish hatchery, and Multnomah Falls. Tour continues on to Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Pearson Air Museum, and the Historic Trust buildings. Bus will return to the hotel around 5:30 PM.
- 8:30 AM Fort Vancouver NHS and Bonneville Dam Bus Tour B Bus departs at 8:45 AM
 Tour the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Pearson Air Museum, and the Historic Trust buildings. The tour continues through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and on to Bonneville Dam, the historic fish hatchery, and Multnomah Falls. Bus will return to the hotel around 5:30 PM. This is the same tour as Bus Tour A just in reverse order.
- 9:00 AM Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Hiking Tour Drive on your own or carpool Meet at the refuge headquarters just north of downtown Ridgefield for a ranger led hike through the refuge. Allow 30 minutes travel time to the site. Tour begins at 9:00 AM.
- 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM
 Try your hand at learning the basic techniques adopted by the U.S. Army's 1st Regiment of Dragoons. This class will be taught by the same person that teaches the NPS re-enactors for Fort Vancouver NHS. Anyone 12 years and over can participate.
- 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
 Tour the historic mill and watch the process of weaving cloth and blankets from raw wool to finished product. Tours start at the factory store in Washougal, Washington, just 14 miles from our host hotel. Allow 30 minutes travel time to the site as you will need to arrive 10 minutes prior to your tour time of 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM.
 - **Evening** Dinner on your own Head out on your own or meet in the lobby and head out in groups of old and new friends. The Embassy Suites has a full-service restaurant and offers shuttle service to the nearby Cascade Station shopping area which has several dining options.
- 7:30 8:30 PM Registration will be open for bag pickup
 Alder Board Room, Embassy Suites Portland Airport

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

- 7:00 8:00 AM Registration will be open for bag pickup

 Alder Board Room, Embassy Suites Portland Airport
 - 7:00 AM Lewis and Clark NHP and Dinner at OSF Bus Tour A Bus departs at 7:15 AM

 Tour heads to Astoria with visits to the Columbia River Maritime Museum and then on to Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and Fort Clatsop. Bus will continue to dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas, Oregon and will return to the hotel around 7:30 PM.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024 (continued)

7:00 AM Lewis and Clark NHP and Dinner at OSF Bus Tour B – Bus departs at 7:15 AM

Tour heads to Astoria with visits to Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and Fort Clatsop and then on to the Columbia River Maritime Museum. Bus will continue to dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas, Oregon and will return to the hotel around 7:30 PM. This is the same tour as Bus Tour A just in reverse order.

9:00 AM Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Hiking Tour – Drive on your own or carpool Meet at the refuge headquarters just north of downtown Ridgefield for a ranger led hike through the refuge. Allow 30 minutes travel time to the site. Tour begins at 9:00 AM.

10:00 AM Dragoon Sabre Class – Outside shaded lawn at the hotel

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11:00 AM Pendleton Woolen Mills Tour – Drive on your own or carpool

& 1:00 PM Tour the historic mill and watch the process of weaving cloth and blankets from raw wool to finished product. Tours start at the factory store in Washougal, Washington, just 14 miles from our host hotel. Allow 30 minutes travel time to the site as you will need to arrive 10 minutes prior to your tour time of 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM.

5:30 PM Dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory, Clackamas, Oregon
Join fellow NPTC members for dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory. We will be at their
Clackamas, Oregon location conveniently located just off I-205, 12 miles south of the Embassy
Suites host hotel and 2 blocks from the Clackamas Light Rail Station. This dinner is available to
anyone, but is included with all Friday bus tours. You do NOT need to register for the dinner if you

are already registered for a bus tour.

7:30 – 8:30 PM Registration will be open for bag pickup

Alder Board Room, Embassy Suites Portland Airport

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

8:30 AM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – Spruce and Oak Rooms
10:00 AM JR RANGER PANEL DISCUSSION – Spruce and Oak Rooms

ANNUAL MEETING - Embassy Suites Portland Airport, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue,

Portland, OR 97220

11:30 AM REGISTRATION OPEN – West Foyer and Alder Board Room

12:30 PM NPTC KIDS' (& FAMILY) ROOM – Cedar Room I

1:00 PM NPTC 22nd CONVENTION & ANNUAL MEETING – Spruce and Oak Rooms

5:00 PM Adjournment

7:00 PM President's Dinner – The Pines and Spruce Rooms



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GROUP TOURS/EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

5:00 - 7:00 PM Welcome Reception - The Pines, Embassy Suites Portland Airport

Join your fellow NPTC members to kick off the weekend mingling with old friends and making new ones. Light hor d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available. Featured items will include Artisan Cheese Slate with selection of regional and imported cheeses, dried fruits, artisan crackers and sliced baguette; Fresh Sliced Seasonal Fruit Display with chef's choice of seasonal fruit and berries; Crudités featuring chef's choice of fresh vegetables served with ranch dressing and hummus; and Antipasto featuring fine Italian cured meats, assorted grilled vegetables, roasted mushrooms, pepperoncini, and olives.

Cost: \$35 for Adults, Free for children 12 and under.

Pre-Registration Required! Maximum of 175

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

8:15 AM -5:30 PM Fort Vancouver NHS and Bonneville Dam Bus Tour A 3 Stamping Locations Available

Bus departs at 8:30 AM

Join your fellow members for a tour that takes you through the Columbia River National Scenic Area to Bonneville Dam, Multnomah Falls, and then on to Fort Vancouver National Historic Site and the Historic Trust Buildings. Bonneville Lock & Dam, built and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was the first federal lock and dam on the Columbia and Snake Rivers. The project's first powerhouse, spillway, and original navigation lock were completed in 1938 to improve navigation on Columbia River and provide hydropower to the Pacific Northwest. A second powerhouse was completed in 1981, and a larger navigation lock in 1993. A ranger will take us on a guided tour of the dam and fish ladder, and then we will re-board the bus for a short trip to the historic Bonneville Fish Hatchery which was originally built in 1909 to enhance declining fish runs in the Columbia River Basin. The grounds include rearing ponds for fingerling salmon and the Sturgeon viewing area, home of Herman the Sturgeon. Herman is over 10' long and approximately 500 pounds. Bring a couple quarters for fish food to feed the trout in the two display ponds. Before heading toward Fort Vancouver, we will visit the 620 foot high Multnomah Falls and stop in the Historic Multnomah Falls Lodge, built in 1925, and gift shop. Stamps are available in the USFS information center located in the lodge. We will then continue on to Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Originally built in 1825 by the Hudson Bay Company as a fur trading post, Fort Vancouver

on the international boundary making what is now the State of Washington part of the USA. The U.S. Army arrived to support American settlers and established a base that was in operation through WWII. We will explore the reconstructed fort along with Pearson Air Museum. Pearson is notable not only for being the second oldest airfield in America, but also where Valery Chkalov landed after the first transpolar flight in 1937. Bus will return to the hotel around 5:30 PM. A boxed lunch from City Sandwich is available with this tour. Boxed lunch includes choice of roast beef, ham, turkey, or veggie sandwich with chips, cookie, and bottled water. Sandwich includes cheese, lettuce, and mayo.

became the trading center for the region. In 1846, the United States of America and Great Britain settled

Cost: \$62 w/lunch or \$44 w/out lunch Pre-Registration Required! Maximum of 55

8:30 AM -5:30 PM Fort Vancouver NHS and Bonneville Dam Bus Tour B

Bus departs at 8:45 AM

3 Stamping Locations Available

This tour is the same as Bus Tour A but will be completed in reverse order. This trip will start at Fort Vancouver and conclude at Bonneville Dam/Multnomah Falls. A boxed lunch from City Sandwich is available with this tour. Bus will return to the hotel around 5:30 PM. Boxed lunch includes choice of roast beef, ham, turkey, or veggie sandwich with chips, cookie, and bottled water. Sandwich includes cheese, lettuce, and mayo.

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GROUP TOURS/EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024 (continued)

9:00 AM Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Hiking Tour

Drive on your own or carpool

Wildlife Refuge Stamps Available

Just a short drive from our host hotel is the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge protects more than 5,200 acres of marshes, grasslands, and woodlands. Stately sandhill cranes, shorebirds, and a great variety of songbirds stop at the refuge during spring and fall migrations. Some bird species such as mallards, Canada geese, great blue herons, pheasant, ruffed grouse, barn owl, great horned owl, bald eagles, ospreys and red-tailed hawks are year-round residents that nest on the refuge. Meet up at the refuge headquarters for a guided walk with an NFS Ranger. Allow approximately 30 minutes travel time for the 25-mile (mostly freeway) drive from the hotel to the refuge. Tour begins at 9:00 AM. Trails are easy to moderate compact gravel with slight inclines/declines. The moderate sections are in areas where the trail is being repaired or in the process of being improved. This tour is offered on both Thursday and Friday.

Cost: Free Pre–Registration Required Maximum of 20 per tour

10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Dragoon Sabre Class

Outdoor shaded lawn at the hotel

In 1855, troops with the U.S. Army's 1st Regiment of Dragoons arrived at Fort Vancouver. Dragoons were mounted infantry and carried a variety of personal weaponry, including sabres, a single-edge, slightly curved sword. This class will show you the basic techniques adopted by the U.S. Army during that time. This class is being offered twice per day on both Thursday and Friday. Anyone 12 years and over can participate. Safety glasses and training sabres will be provided. It will be conducted at the host hotel in the outdoor shaded lawn area. Non-class participants will be permitted to watch the action so if you have time feel free to stop by and cheer on your fellow club members.

Cost: \$10 for Adults & Kids 12+

Pre-Registration Required!

Maximum of 12 per class

11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Pendleton Woolen Mills Tour

Drive on your own or carpool

The history of Pendleton Woolen Mills dates back to 1889 and is still run by the Kay/Bishop family. Originally founded by Thomas Kay as the Thomas Kay Woolen Mills in Salem, Oregon (the original mill buildings are now home to the Willamette Heritage Center). Thomas' daughter Fannie married Charles Bishop and their sons opened the Pendleton Woolen Mills in Portland, Oregon in 1909. The Washougal, Washingon mill was purchased in 1912 and is still in operation. This mill specializes in plaids, herringbones, stripes, and tweeds and is where the blankets featured in national parks are woven. The tour will take you through the whole process starting with raw wool through the finished product. Be sure to take time to explore Washougal and nearby Camas before or after your tour. This tour is being offered twice per day on both Thursday and Friday. Allow 30 minutes travel time to the site as you will need to arrive 10 minutes prior to your tour time of 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

7:00 AM -7:30 PM Lewis and Clark NHP and Dinner at OSF Bus Tour B

Bus departs at 7:15 AM

2 Stamping Locations Available

This tour is the same as Bus Tour A below but will be in reverse order. This trip will start at Fort Clatsop, continue on to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, and conclude with dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory. The bus returns to the hotel around 7:30 PM. Boxed lunch available and dinner included as described in Bus Tour A below.

Cost: \$98 w/lunch or \$88 w/out lunch Pre-Registration Required! Maximum of 55



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2 Stamping Locations Available

Join your fellow members for an all-day tour that takes you along the Columbia River to Astoria, Oregon and follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark as they searched for a way to the Pacific Ocean. Founded by John Jacob Astor as a fur trading post, Astoria grew to become a major source for canned fish around the world. Visit the Columbia River Maritime Museum and explore the history of the Columbia River from dugout canoes, through the age of sale, to present. Discover the stories of the legendary Columbia River Bar, one of the most dangerous passages in the world. Go aboard the Lightship Columbia, one of the last floating lighthouses to be retired. Step into the Fort Clatsop replica at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park and get a real sense of what the Corps of Discovery experienced more than 200 years ago. The tour will conclude with dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas, Oregon. The Old Spaghetti Factory started in a historic carriage building in downtown Portland, Oregon in 1969. It has grown to over 40 locations in the U.S. and Japan. The bus returns to the hotel around 7:30 PM. A boxed lunch from Subway is available and dinner is included with this tour. Boxed lunch will be a choice of turkey, black forest ham, roast beef, or veggie delite 6" standard Subway sandwich with cheese, lettuce, tomato, and condiments on the side. Also includes chips, cookie, and bottled water. The Old Spaghetti Factory dinner will be a choice of 1) Meat Lover's Treat - sicilian meatballs, italian sausage, and spaghetti with rich meat sauce; 2) Managers Favorite spaghetti with Mizithra cheese & browned butter sauce and meat sauce; or 3) Spinach & Cheese Ravioli (vegetarian) - ravioli stuffed with spinach and two delicious cheeses, topped with savory marinara sauce. Dinner includes salad, bread, and coffee, tea, or soft drinks. Ice cream and a special surprise will be served for dessert. Bus will return to the hotel around 7:30 PM.

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Cost: Free Pre–Registration Required! Maximum of 12 per tour

5:30 PM

Dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory

Drive on your own or carpool

Join fellow NPTC members for dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory. The first Old Spaghetti Factory (OSF) opened its doors on January 10th, 1969 in the historic Carriage and Baggage Building in Downtown Portland. Today the OSF is still family-owned and operated and has expanded to locations in 13 states and Japan. We will be at their Clackamas, Oregon location conveniently located just off I-205, 12 miles south of the Embassy Suites host hotel and 2 blocks from the Clackamas Light Rail Station. This dinner is available to anyone, but is included with all Friday bus tours. **You do NOT need to register for the dinner if you are already registered for a bus tour.** The Old Spaghetti Factory dinner will be a choice of 1) Meat Lover's Treat - sicilian meatballs, italian sausage, and spaghetti with rich meat sauce; 2) Managers Favorite spaghetti with Mizithra cheese & browned butter sauce and meat sauce; or 3) Spinach & Cheese Ravioli (vegetarian) - ravioli stuffed with spinach and two delicious cheeses, topped with savory marinara sauce. Dinner includes salad, bread, and coffee, tea, or soft drinks. Ice cream and a special surprise will be served for dessert.

Cost: \$32 Pre–Registration Required Maximum of 70 (not on bus tour)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

7:00 PM

President's Dinner

The Pines and Spruce Rooms, Embassy Suites Portland Airport

Join your fellow members for dinner at the host hotel. Plated dinner choices will be 1) Flat Iron Steak - 10 oz grilled seasoned flat iron steak served with sauteed onions and mushrooms; 2) Northwest Salmon – grilled filet of salmon topped with burre blanc and tomato relish: 3) Chicken Portofino - chicken breast seared golden brown with sun dried tomato cream; 4) Vegetarian - TBD. All dinners will include market garden salad, roasted potatoes, and a self-serve dessert bar with toffee cake, carrot cake, and chocolate torte.

Cost: \$86 Pre–Registration Required! Maximum of 200



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Host Hotel

Embassy Suites Portland Airport, Portland, Oregon

7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97220 (503) 460-3000

- Deadline June 30, 2024 Note: the NPTC block of rooms often sells out early.
- Room block is Tues, Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., & Mon. nights; July 30 August 5, 2024
- Rates are \$199 for Single King Bed or Two Double Beds. Taxes and Fees are extra. Nightly rate includes made to order hot breakfast, parking, airport and local shuttle, and evening cocktail hour.
- Please follow the link below to be sure you receive a confirmation email and the club gets credit in our block. This helps lower meeting
 costs and ensures you get the group rate. NOTE: The link automatically populates Wed. to Sat. dates, so you will need to click "edit stay"
 and fill in the changes for your selected dates.

Embassy Suites Portland Airport Reservation Instructions – 2024 Convention for National Park Travelers Club:

NPTC booking link: NATIONAL PARK TRAVELERS CLUB

Contact: Korryn Heidegger < korryn.heidegger@atriumhospitality.com>

Please email Korryn with any questions and allow at least 48 hours for all email responses to questions and reservation confirmations (please allow additional time if sent over the weekend). All emails must contain the following in the subject line:

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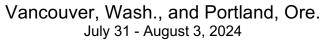
Rates without taxes (current PDX guest room taxes are 11.5%). All rooms are suites.

Room	Rate
KING SUITE (Single King Bed)	\$199.00
DOUBLE/DOUBLE SUITE (Two Double Beds)	\$199.00

Embassy Suites is part of the Hilton family



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<u>RESERVATIONS for Events</u> – To register online for events, tours, and group dinners visit: https://www.parkstamps.org/registrations.php (NOTE: you need to be logged into the Parkstamps website to access this link). **Registration opens March 16, 2024.**

<u>T-Shirts</u> – Official 2024 NPTC Convention T-shirts are available for pre-order **as part of our registration system**. You can add your T-shirt to your convention activity order and pick it up during the convention. There is also an option to pay and have it shipped to you ahead of time for a \$9.95 fee. Visit this site to order for home delivery: https://www.customink.com/g/vhb0-00cu-9gm4. We have 3 styles available this year so pick the one that is right for you (see photos below).

