

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site  
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### Pearson Air Museum Open for Special Events

The National Park Service has a simple goal for Pearson Air Museum: to reopen its doors to the public as soon as possible.

Under National Park Service management, the museum will be open and free to the public. We are saddened that the exhibits were removed, but the heart of Pearson remains: the buildings and land where history happened. Over the next few weeks, we will be working to chart a course for the future, including educational programs and temporary exhibits.

In the meantime, Pearson Air Museum is available for special events. The National Park Service has extensive experience managing special events at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, permitting 90 events last year that had a meaningful connection to the park's purpose and complied with applicable laws, regulation, and policy.

If you are interested in holding your event at the national park, including Pearson, please contact Kimm Fox-Middleton at (360) 816-6243 or [kimm\\_fox-middleton@nps.gov](mailto:kimm_fox-middleton@nps.gov). Permitting information can be found on our website at [www.nps.gov/fova](http://www.nps.gov/fova).

**BACKGROUND:** Fort Vancouver National Historic Site is one of the 398 national parks which make up the National Park System and it is located in both Washington and Oregon. This national park is also the heart of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve which is located in Vancouver, Washington. The Vancouver National Historic Reserve brings together a national park, a premier archaeological site, the region's first military post, an international fur trade emporium, one of the oldest operating airfields, the first national historic site west of the Mississippi River, and a waterfront trail and environmental center on the banks of the Columbia River. The partners of the Reserve teach visitors about the fur trade, early military life, natural history, and pioneers in aviation, all within the context of Vancouver's role in regional and national development. The National Park Service's vast array of public programs -- including living history events, festivals, cultural demonstrations, exhibits, active archaeology, and other

special activities – serve communities in Washington and Oregon and create a dynamic, fun, and unique tourist destination for people of all ages.

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