

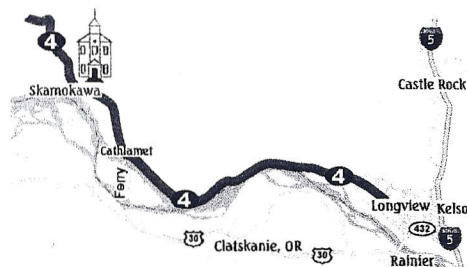
## Welcome to Historic Skamokawa

Skamokawa (Ska-MOCK-away) is a Wahkiakum Indian word describing the misty fog that looks like "smoke-on-the-water." Evidence suggests that these Columbia River shores were a major native settlement for 3,000 years.

The early white settlements began in the 1860's, yet early records recall Chief Skamokawa, the last Chief of the Wahkiakum tribe who died in the 1850's. Immigrants from the eastern seaboard, then from Scandinavian countries were drawn by cheap land, and the abundant salmon. Logging began as a necessity to clear the land and then became a prominent early industry. From the rich farmland came cream to supply the first cooperative creamery west of the Mississippi. By the 1890's Skamokawa was in its heyday, dominated by the two-story Queen-Anne style Central School built in 1894, now known as Redmen Hall.

Skamokawa serves as a reminder of the once numerous riverboat towns whose only transportation was by water. The location on the Columbia River's tributaries and sloughs and architecture earned Skamokawa the title of Skamokawa National Historic District.

Skamokawa is located along Washington State Route 4 and the construction of the road ended an era by making river boats obsolete. It winds along the north bank of the Columbia River from Longview to Johnson's Landing, just a few miles west of Naselle, Washington. State Route 4 is considered a Scenic Byway and is part of the Lewis and Clark National Trail Scenic Highway.



## Other Local Attractions

### Columbia River Kayaking

360-795-8300 • 1391 West SR 4,  
Skamokawa, WA 98647

Open seven days a week, 10-4 Memorial Day  
Weekend until mid-Sept. Open by  
appointment at any other time.

### Wahkiakum County Fairgrounds

[www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us/depts/fair](http://www.co.wahkiakum.wa.us/depts/fair)  
16 Fairgrounds Rd., Skamokawa, WA 98647

### Skamokawa Vista Park

[www.skamokawavistapark.org](http://www.skamokawavistapark.org) • 360-795-8605  
13 Vista Park Road, Skamokawa, WA 98647

### Julia Butler Hansen Heritage Center

The second woman and first Democratic woman  
elected to Congress from Washington.  
35 Butler Street, Cathlamet, WA 98612

### Julia Butler Hansen National Wildlife Refuge for the White-tailed Deer

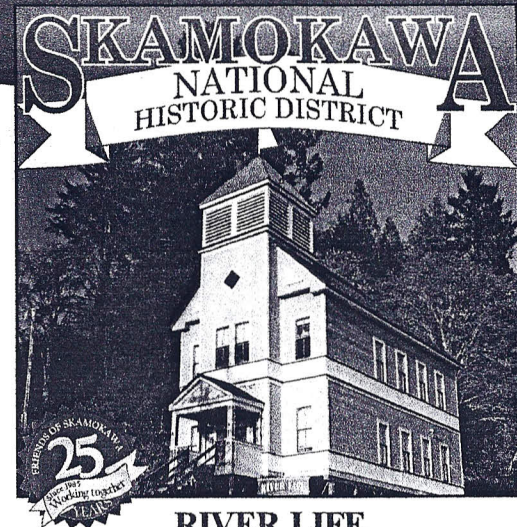
[www.fws.gov/jbh](http://www.fws.gov/jbh)  
360-795-3915 • 46 Steamboat Slough Rd.,  
Cathlamet, WA 98612

### Grays River Covered Bridge

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places  
and is the only covered bridge still in use by the  
public in Washington. Covered Bridge Road,  
Grays River, WA 986

### Ferry Wahkiakum

Ride the last Ferry on the Lower Columbia River  
From the Town of Cathlamet, go south on Main  
Street/SR 409 and go straight, cross bridge.  
Continue on SR409 for approx. 4 miles to terminal.  
*Departure Times:* Washington side on the hour  
from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm. Oregon side on the ½  
after the hour from 5:15 a.m. to 10:15 p.m.



## RIVER LIFE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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*A Historical Gem*

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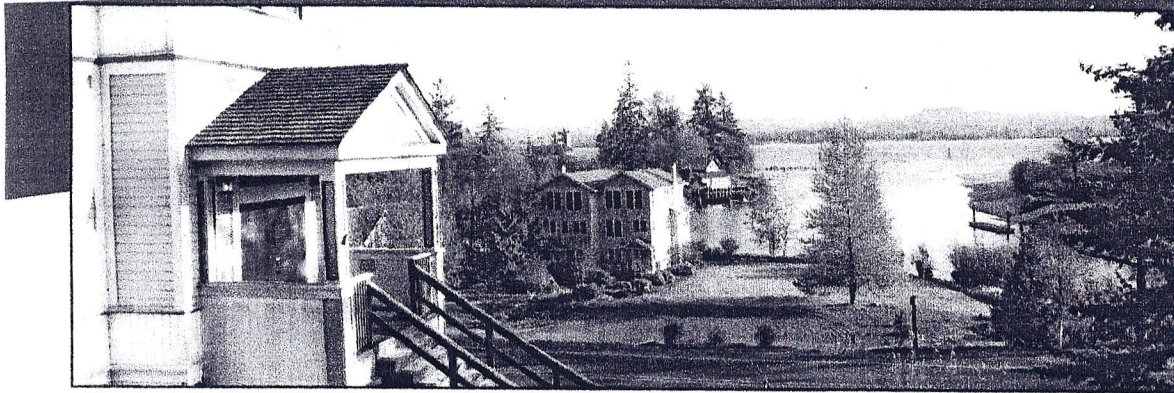
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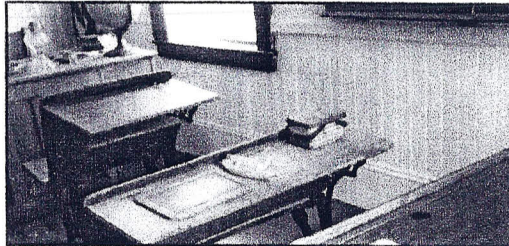
1394 W. STATE ROUTE 4  
SKAMOKAWA, WASHINGTON 98647



As you travel along Washington's State Route 4, you will come to the town of Skamokawa (Ska-MOCK-away). Literally meaning "smoke-on-the-water," the Native term describes river mist and was the name of the last Chief of the Wahkiakum, who welcomed Lewis and Clark in 1805.

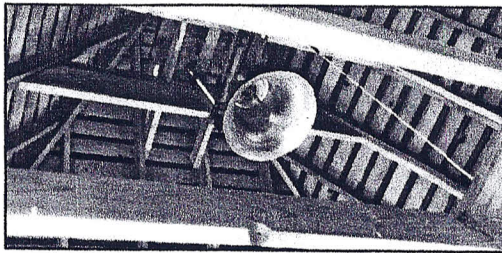
The imposing 1894 two-story Central School building was saved by civic-minded residents who formed Friends Of Skamokawa in 1985. Now named Redmen Hall, it proudly stands on a bluff above the Columbia River. Since 1986, the building is home to the River Life Interpretive Center, local archives and the Redmen Hall Gift Shop.

Stop in and visit this historical gem! The main floor has historical displays, along with the gift shop. The second floor is dedicated to historical displays and visiting exhibits. There is comfortable seating from which to enjoy views of the river and the serene surroundings of Skamokawa. An oak stairway leads you to the bell tower, and on a clear day, you can see all the way to Astoria.



#### Gift Shop and Bookstore

Browse our gift shop for locally produced art, and handcrafts. We have a fine selection of sought after books covering local history and life along the Columbia River. Hand-blown glass, jewelry, artwork, stationery and are just a few of the items you will find.



#### Programs

The Friends of Skamokawa schedule exhibits, art shows, lectures, and demonstrations throughout the year. Call 360-795-3007 or check online at:

[www.redmenhall.blogspot.com](http://www.redmenhall.blogspot.com)  
[www.friendsofskamokawa.org](http://www.friendsofskamokawa.org)

#### Tours

Docents are available to answer your questions and provide personalized tours of the Center. Plan on ringing the school bell while visiting Redmen Hall. Open February thru December from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### Admission

We ask a suggested \$2.00 donation per adult and \$1.00 for child/student to help us maintain the building. Members visit free.



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Members help FOS maintain Redmen Hall and the programs we provide. Members receive 10% off of books and gifts (non-consignment), the Friends of Skamokawa new letter and special notices for events.

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