

# Quincy Valley

## Entertainment & Events



**The Gorge Amphitheatre** - Located 14 miles southwest of Quincy, the Gorge is a natural outdoor amphitheatre situated on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River. Hiking trails take concert-goers along scenic paths to the amphitheatre and grassy picnic area where top entertainers perform throughout the summer.



**3-on-3 Downtown Basket Ball Tournament** - 1st Saturday in June. Over 500 Players take to the streets of downtown Quincy Open for both men and women ages 8 and up. Money raised goes to the Dru Gimlin Foundation for scholarships and assistance to athletes that can't afford the necessary equipment. Dru Gimlin was a young man that loved to play basketball. He stood 6'9" and was awesome to watch. Dru was tragically killed in an motor vehicle accident in February of 2003. He is greatly missed by the Quincy community! The Tournament was originally started as a Senior Project by some of Dru Gimlin's classmates with the intent that it would be an annual event. Quincy residents and the surrounding area greatly supported it and look forward to its continued success.



**Reiman-Siommons Lawn Party & Wine Fest** - 3rd week in May. enjoy a the day at this 100 year old historical home in Quincy. Event includes commemorative wine glass & wine tasting of select Washington wines including a chance to meet the winemakers!



**George 4th of July Celebration** - The traditional "everything-you-could-possible-hope-for" Fourth of July celebration, which includes the world's largest cherry pie, fun activities, food, fireworks, and many other activities.

## Other Attractions



**Quincy Aquatic Center** - Quincy Aquatic Center provides a fun, safe opportunity for summer recreation. The Center offers approximately 4000 sq ft, 6 lane - 25 yard pool ranging 4' to a 11', Zero Depth Entry, Swing Set, 180 ft water slide, Water Basketball, LawnVolleyball, Picnic Tables, Bathhouse – includes women and men's locker rooms, Concession stand, Picnic area – large fenced-in grass area with barbecue shelter and shade trees, Concret Deck Area – with chairs and lounges, and 1 Mushroom / Umbrella Water toy.



**Frenchman Coulee (Rock Climbing)** - The early evening light casts a warm glow on the basalt pillars of Frenchman Coulee, a popular rock-climbing site, in the Quincy Wildlife Area near Vantage. The unique pillars were formed millions of years ago as lava extruded through the Earth's crust cooled, and later were further sculpted by massive ancient floods.



**Mission Ridge (Skiing)** - A major ski facility, located 40 miles from Quincy with sunshine, dry powder snow, and all types of terrain for skiing and snowboarding. It features four chair lifts, two rope tows, and a day lodge facilities for ski enthusiasts



**Bicycling & Hiking** - Because of its level terrain, the Quincy Valley offers excellent bicycling opportunities along the country roads. For the more daring off-road bicyclist or the avid hiker, the Quincy Lakes are located 5 miles south of Quincy/ 3 miles west of Hwy 281

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## History of the Quincy Valley

According to Indian legend, "Quincy Flats" was once a lake. Glacial floods deposited thousands of cubic yards of volcanic soil of which 25 cubic miles was deposited in the 250 square miles of the Quincy Basin. The arid land of this region was used solely for cattle and horse ranges in the late 1800's by Lord Thomas Blythe, a Scottish nobleman.

In 1892, Jim Hill, known as the "Empire Builder", built the Great Northern Railroad which opened the area to settlers. The first railroad camp was located at Trinidad, while Quincy had only a short sighting - the word "Quincy" was on a sign post (the story is told that Jim Hill's daughter named our town sight unseen from a list of names given to her by her father as he brought the railroad west.) Later the business district moved to the south side of the tracks and was incorporated in 1907. Hundreds of Pioneer families sought out the rich Quincy soil, full of hope and a plan for carrying out a new Western empire. As the homesteads grew in number, the town boasted three hotels, two livery barns, a barber shop, a drug store, a bank, several grocery and general stores, and enough saloons to make a typical Hollywood "Western".

Along with the city's growth, there was a constant organization and reorganization of groups which sought to find a way to bring irrigation waters to their rich soil. Any number of plans and surveys were made, but always they came to an impasse when financing was considered. Making a living from the land was a tremendously hard task in those early days and as the years went by, many of the homesteaders struck out for greener pastures. In 1920 and 1921, when a severe drought caused statewide crop failures, and many of the wells in the Quincy area went dry, all but the most courageous idealists gave up their dreams and moved out of the Valley. Those who stayed on made up in spirit what they had lost in numbers.

Finally, in 1933, when Quincy seemed to be wobbling fatally on its last financial legs, the federal government supported the 30-year-old dream of those first pioneers and pledged its aid. Patience was still needed by these hardy, optimistic and undaunted pioneers as they continued working and waiting until 1951 when the first trickle of water became a flowing canal.

Today, Quincy is a highly productive agricultural area with 200,000 irrigatable acres under production. The fertile soil and ideal climate conditions make it possible to grow a variety of crops! Potatoes, apples, wheat, alfalfa, corn, vegetable crops for food and seed are a few of the major crops grown in the Valley. The economy of the Quincy Valley is based largely on agriculture, with several processing plants, packing houses and light industry in the area. As of recent, there has been the addition of high tech companies moving to the Quincy Valley do to their inexpensive power. Quincy is a relatively new community with the advent of irrigation and a sense of friendliness, progressiveness and community spirit abound.

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## Area Attractions

**Hunting & Fishing** - According to the Department of Wildlife, Grant County enjoys the highest pheasant, duck and goose harvest in the state. The Quincy Valley is indeed a hunter's paradise as pheasant, geese, ducks, chukars and doves are to be found in vast numbers along irrigation drains, fields, wheat stubble and around the Quincy Lakes and the Columbia River. The abundance of fish stocked lakes in the area provides fishermen with ample opportunity to enjoy success! Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased at Royer's True Value in Quincy (509) 787-4431 and the Colonial Market in George (509) 785-3231.

**Boating & Water Skiing** - Water sport enthusiasts will find the Columbia River, 7 miles west of Quincy, a perfect setting for all types of water activities. Surrounded by towering basalt cliffs, sandy beaches and lush green landscaping, the average temperature is 70 degrees (May through Sept.), with little rainfall. Next to Crescent Bar Resort, is a public boat launch.

**Canoeing & Kayaking** - The Winchester Waterway provides a recreational area for canoeing. It is also considered a botanist's and bird watcher's paradise. Blue herons, ducks, red winged or yellow headed blackbirds are common (you may even spot a turtle or two!) Canoers usually put in at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Dodson Road access pond and float eight (8) miles downstream to a gauging station off Harris Road. The Quincy Lakes also provide an excellent location for beginners. For additional information contact the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife in Ephrata at (509) 754-4624.

**Antiqueing & Shopping** - The Quincy Valley has an assortment of antique and retail shops which offer a wide variety of shopping delights with small town friendly service. Call the Quincy Valley Chamber of Commerce at (509)-787-2140 for more information on the shopping options in Quincy, George, and Crescent Bar.

**Golfing** - There are three golf courses within a 7 mile radius of Quincy. Quincy Valley Golf Course is located on Highway 28 five miles south of Quincy. It is an 18-hole course. Crescent Bar Resort also hosts a 9-hole course, driving range and putting green, 7 miles west of Quincy. It also has a new par 3 course. It is located on the Columbia River surrounded by Scenic, towering basalt cliffs. Stars and Stripes located 7 miles east of town has a driving range and Tower Greens has a putting green which is located at Crescent Bar

**Quincy Valley Christmas Light Show** - Twenty-five light shows are amazingly displayed along Interstate-90 (East of George) and Highway 281 (South of George). The motion-light shows are put on display Thanksgiving through New Years Eve. They are generated by electricity from local farmers' pivot-irrigation and are truly a fantasy in lights.

**Skeet & Trapshooting** - The American Legion Gun Club is available for membership. They also have a world-class archery course. The Club is open to the public for tournaments throughout the year. For more information, please call 787-2127 and ask for Les.

### Wineries -

**White Heron Cellars** is a local winery, located 7 miles west of Quincy, above Trinidad and Hwy 28 at 10035 Stuhlmiller Dr. Overlooking the scenic Columbia River, White Heron produces 3 distinctive wines – a dry Johannisberg Riesling, Pinot Noir, and a Cabernet/Merlot blend. White Heron Cellars tasting room is open Thursday through Monday, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. (509) 797-WINE.

**Cave B Estate Winery** - Cave B is an ultra premium estate winery beautifully situated on the cliffs above the Columbia River near Vantage, Washington. All of our grapes are grown on 120 acres of estate vineyard. This premium wine is further elevated by the superlative surroundings, making any visit to Cave B a special occasion. Join our wine club and visit our lovely tasting room and gift shop. Wines featured include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Semillon, Chardonnay, Gewürztraminer, Cuvee and Late Harvest Semillon. Open 7 days per week. Sunday – Thursday 11a.m. to 5p.m., Thursday – Saturday 11a.m. to 7p.m. For special services or group visits please call (509) 785-3500, email [info@caveb.com](mailto:info@caveb.com) or visit [www.caveb.com](http://www.caveb.com) for more information.

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**Jones Winery** - is located 2 miles east of Quincy on Hwy 28. They are open for tastings on Saturdays and Sundays. Jones of Washington has some spectacular Syrahs and is getting known for their incredible Cabernets. For more information, please call 787-3537 or 509 398-1027. Check out their website at [www.joneswinesofwashington.com](http://www.joneswinesofwashington.com)

**Farmer-Consumer Awareness Day** - On the Second Saturday in September, this annual festival is a unique celebration which educates the consumer on the farm to market process. Free farm tours, food booths, arts & crafts fair, grand parade, fun run, fresh produce, games & much more!

**Agriculture Information** - Located in George, off of I-90, is the reader board which shows agriculture information 24 hours a day. The Grant County Visitors/AgFARMation Center in George provides additional agricultural information. There are also crop identification signs located along Highway 281 between George & Quincy and Highway 28 traveling west from Quincy. These signs are provided by the Quincy Rotary Club and Adrian Grange. Go to their web site at : [www.agfarmation.org](http://www.agfarmation.org)

**Loran Station** - A U.S. Coast Guard operated facility, the Loran Station is two miles south of I-90 (east of George). It is know for its four 700 foot towers with strobe lights which transmit signals 200 miles away. There are only 25 of these stations in the U.S. and Canada which assist airplanes, ships and boats to their locations. Free tours are available by appointment. Call (509) 785-2752.

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## Demographics

### LOCATION

County: Grant  
State: Washington Size: 2,660 sq. mi.  
Distance to major cities:  
Spokane: 140, Seattle: 147, Portland: 255

### POPULATION

Year	Quincy	County
1970	3,237	41,881
1980	3,525	48,522
1990	3,734	54,758
2000	5,044	74,698
2003	5,165	77,100
2004	5,255	78,691

Note: Quincy/George Zip Code  
has approximately 9,824 people.  
Grant County median household income: \$35,276

### CLIMATE

Average daily temperature in December is 24o / in July  
is 86 o  
Elevation: 1,301 Feet  
150 to 180 Frost free days  
Average annual rainfall is 5.5 inches  
Average annual snowfall is 15 inches  
Average more than 300 days of sunshine

### GOVERNMENT

Form & organization: Mayor/City Council  
Incorporated or unincorporated: Incorporated 1907  
Class: 2nd Class (Code)  
Area within city: 3.074 sq. mi.  
Operating budget for 2005: \$21,280,041  
Primary source of revenue: Taxes & Service Fees  
Fire insurance rating in community: 6

### TAXES

*Local*  
Total Tax Valuation: \$264,634,632  
Total gross rate within city per \$1,000 valuation:  
Assessed at: \$14.8105 Year payable: 2005

### *State*

Retail sales tax: State: 6.5% Local: 1.3%  
Unemployment contribution rate: 4.3%  
Benefits: New claims = \$125 - \$489/week

Workmen's compensation rate: Employer liability  
based on experience, \$.08/hour-\$1.85/hour  
Benefits: 60%-75% weekly wage: \$3,560 maximum

### HEALTHCARE

Quincy Valley Medical Center  
Beds: 38 Family Medicine  
Quincy Community Health Center  
Family medicine and Dentistry  
Oak Medical Center  
Family Dentistry: Three  
Orthodontics: One  
Optometry: Two  
Chiropractors: Two  
Cambridge Assisted Living  
Beds: 32

### LABOR MARKET

2004 Covered Employment Patterns  
Total covered employment average: 4,907  
Mfg. Average - goods producing: 669  
Non-mfg. Average - service producing: 233  
Government average: 667

### Wage Ranges

*Skilled:* \$10.00 - \$15.50 *Semi-skilled:* \$7.90 -  
\$10.50

*Economic Base:* Quincy is a rural community sur-  
rounded by abundant farmland. Various crops are  
grown and processed in the Quincy Valley in addi-  
tion to diatomaceous earth for filter systems.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

State right to work law: None

### MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Name: Quincy Foods - Employees: 700  
Product: Food Processing  
Name: ConAgra/Lamb Weston - Employees: 454  
Product: Food Processing  
Name: Quincy School District - Employees: 323  
Product: Students  
Name: Jones Produce - Employees: 140  
Product: Potato Dehydration/Wine  
Name: Starr Ranch - Employees: 120  
Product: Fruit Packing

Name: Double Diamond Fruit - Employees: 100  
Product: Fruit Packing  
Name: Columbia Basin Nursery - Employees: 100  
Product: Nursery Stock  
Name: Columbia Colstor - Employees: 105  
Product: Frozen Storage for Food Processors

### UTILITIES

#### *Communications*

Phone: Verizon  
Long Distance: Verizon, Sprint, MCI, AT&T  
Cell Phone Service: Verizon Wireless, AT&T, US Cellular, Qwest, Sprint  
Internet Providers: Northwest Internet (NWI), CRCW, Verizon (DSL), Sage and Sun Wireless, OAC and Aspeedynet.net.  
The Grant County PUD Fiber Optic

#### *Electricity*

Service by: Grant County PUD  
Average electric rate:  
3.90¢ / kwh-Industrial (up to 8000 kwh)  
2.34¢ / kwh-Industrial (over 8000 kwh)  
1.92¢ / kwh-New Industry  
4.21¢ / kwh-Residential

#### *Water*

Service by: City of Quincy Source: Wells  
Pumping capacity: 6,810 gpm / 9.81 mgd  
Peak demand: 7.7 mgd  
Treatment capacity: Water is treated as of 2001

#### *Sanitation*

Water Reclamation Project: Ephrata  
Capacity: 1.15 mgd 4.0 mgd  
Average Flow: 1.05 mgd 4.0 mgd  
Area covered by plant: City corporate limits / 3 industrial users

### TRANSPORTATION

Interstate: I-90 Distance to: 10 miles  
State Highways: SR 28 & SR 281 intersect in town  
SR 17 Distance to: 17 miles  
SR 283 Distance to: 12 miles  
SR 26 Distance to: 20 miles  
SR 243 Distance to: 20 miles  
State highway load limits: 20,000 lb single axle:  
34,000 lb each tandem axle if overall distance be-

tween 1st and last axles of consecutive sets of tandem axles is 36 ft.

#### *Bus*

Northwest Trailways: Stops in Quincy on its Seattle to Chicago line. Grant Transit Authority (GTA): Provides local service between Grant County communities.

#### *Rail*

Burlington Northern: Seattle to Chicago main line runs through town. An average of twenty-four trains run through Quincy daily. There are 5 active spurs on which agricultural products are hauled.

#### *Intermodal Facility*

Opened in 2005; built to provide alternative transportation for goods and to further the economic development of the area. Ran by Port of Quincy.

#### *Truck Lines*

2 major truck lines located in Quincy.

#### *Air*

Local airport: Quincy Municipal Airport  
Runways: 3,582 ft.  
Maintained by Port of Quincy.

*County Airport:* Grant County International Airport (36 miles) with Foreign Trade Zone & full-time Customs Agent. Scheduled passenger service to Seattle.  
Runways: 13,500 ft. / 10,000 ft.  
Flights per day: 3 Passenger  
Charter service available: Yes

*Other Airports:* Wenatchee 30 miles  
Frequent commuter and connecting flights to Seattle.  
Tri Cities 100 miles  
Nearest major airports: Seattle 147 miles  
Spokane 140 miles  
Both International Airports

### *Shipping Ports*

Deep Water: Seattle 147 miles

Tacoma 160 miles

Shallow Water: Pasco 100 miles

### **EDUCATION**

School District: Quincy

Schools: 7

Total Enrollment (K-12): 2,292

2004 Combined Average Verbal/Math SAT Scores

2004 Average Quincy SAT Scores:

Verbal-538 Math-546

Average Washington SAT Scores:

Verbal-530 Math-532

Average National SAT Scores:

Verbal-508 Math-518

Running Start Program: Eligible High School juniors and seniors attend college classes that also count for high school class requirements. Fees paid by the school district.

### *Vocational Training Facilities*

Quincy High School offers courses in Family & Consumer Science; Technology; Agriculture; Diversified Occupation; and Business.

—Quincy High School is a member of the CWAC North 2A Athletic League.

### *Colleges and Universities*

Big Bend Community College <http://www.bbcc.ctc.edu> (36 miles): AA Degree that can apply to 4-year college or university. The following 3 institutions use BBCC facilities for Bachelor's programs:

*Heritage College:* Business and Education.

Washington State University Satellite: Social Science by Video Tape

Central Washington State University: Distance Learning Center - Business & Accounting; Campus (47 miles) – Bachelor's & Master's Degrees in Education

### **CIVIC, RELIGION & RECREATIONAL**

#### *Religion*

Churches: 21

### *Library Local Regional*

Libraries: 1 Volumes: \*15,599 730,885,000

Regional collection includes books, audio and video; all volumes in the regional collection are available to Quincy patrons through the mail order service of the North Central Regional Library.

\* does not include paperback collection.

### *Parks*

City: 8 State: 1 Nearby

National: 2 National Wildlife Refuges nearby

### *Golf Courses*

Public: 9 Hole Crescent Bar Resort

18 Hole Quincy Valley Golf Course

### *Waterways*

Nearby Lakes: 12 Rivers: 1 – Columbia River

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