

Orientation Area



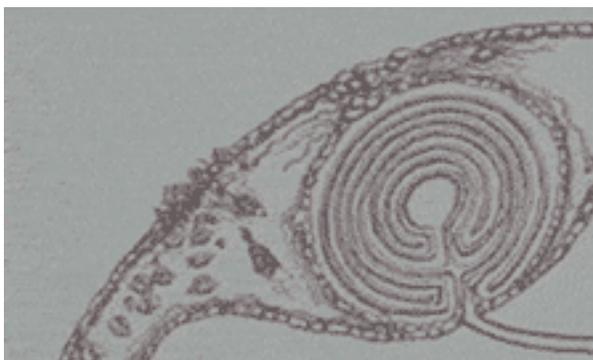
The starting point for visiting Chief Joseph Dam. It is located just off of WA Highway 17, on the North side of the Columbia River just below the dam.

It offers a commanding view of the dam and directs visitors to follow the Visitor Route that guides them to the Visitor Center. At the Visitor Center you can see the generators in our half mile long powerhouse, view exhibits and see a show about the history of Chief Joseph Dam.

A map display in the gazebo shows the location of viewpoints, the Visitor Center, boat ramps, and our administrative office. Brochures containing a map are also available here. Spanish versions are also available.

Get up close and personal with a 52-ton turbine runner on display.

Flush toilets and picnic tables are available all year. A water fountain is available seasonally.



Walk our labyrinth in the shape of a 150 foot mourning dove. A small pond and waterfall add to this relaxing experience. While you're there, read the Native American story of Salmon and Mourning Dove.

Explore the salmon maze and learn about barriers to salmon survival.



A short path to an overlook on the north bank of the Columbia River. Here, you can read about the importance of salmon to Native Americans.



Hike or bike on the 4 mile North Shore Trail. The Orientation Area pathway also serves as a trailhead for this trail. The majority of this trail is an 8 foot wide paved barrier free trail. The trail connects the Orientation Area to the Spillway Viewpoint at the North end of the dam. The trail continues into [Bridgeport State Park](#) .



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