

Photography Hot Spots on the Palouse

A road map of the greatest photo opportunities in Whitman County.

"Picture Perfect Palouse"



Pullman Chamber of Commerce

Day Tripping on the Palouse

Day Trip 1 – Start in Pullman and travel north on Hwy 195 to Colfax. Stock up on supplies and coffee in their shops. Drive out to the Manning Rye Covered Bridge then continue west on Hwy 26 to LaCrosse. Stop for a meal and famous Dusty pie at Grill Billy's Café! Pick up groceries in the local store. See the stone houses and nearby Pampa Pond then continue west to Palouse Falls State Park. Stop by any of the viewpoints on the map on your return trip.



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returning to Pullman turn off Hwy 27 to Kamiak Butte. Pine Ridge Trail winds to the top and is a birding extravaganza and you can watch the sun set over the undulating hills before heading back. End your day with a visit to one of the wineries or pubs in Pullman.

Day Trip 2 – Travel north on Hwy 27 to Palouse. Public restroom is available here and great coffee shops and bakeries. Continue to Oakesdale and check the progress on the restoration of the JC Barron Flour Mill, built in 1890. Continue north to see the Tekoa Train Trestle and backtrack on SR 271 to Rosalia. The Visitor Center is a historic Texaco gas station and has a public restroom. Turn south on Hwy 195 and follow the signs to Steptoe Butte. You can drive right to the top for 360 degree views of 3 states. This is best early in the morning or near sunset, as the shadows can make it far more dramatic. Continue south to Colfax and turn east on Hwy 272 to Palouse. Before returning to Pullman turn off Hwy 27 to Kamiak Butte. Pine Ridge Trail winds to the top and is a birding extravaganza and you can watch the sun set over the undulating hills before heading back. End your day with a visit to one of the wineries or pubs in Pullman.

Day Trip 3 – From Pullman take Wawawai Grade Rd to the Snake River. Follow Wawawai Rd along the river to Steptoe Canyon Rd (gravel) and go up to Colton. Stop to see the St. Gall's Church and continue south to Uniontown. Be sure to stop at the Dahmen Barn, famous for its fence made from more than 1000 wagon wheels. Also in Uniontown is the historic St. Boniface Catholic Church built in 1904. The church houses the original stained glass windows and more. Stop for some wine tasting at the Vineyard Vault. Uniontown also has a public restroom. After returning to Pullman, swing by WSU Creamery to take home a round of Cougar Gold Cheese.

For a customized photography tour, please contact Palouse Country Photo Tours at palousetours@comcast.net or Aaron Cowan Photos at www.aaroncowanphotos.com.



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Did You Know?

In historically accurate terms, "barn red" is not the bright, fire-engine red that we often see today, but more of a burnt-orange red. As to how the oil mixture became traditionally red, there are two predominant theories:

- Wealthy farmers added blood from a recent slaughter to the oil mixture. As the paint dried, it turned from a bright red to a darker, burnt red.
- Farmers added ferrous oxide, otherwise known as rust, to the oil mixture. Rust was plentiful on farms and is a poison to many fungi, including mold and moss, which were known to grow on barns. These fungi would trap moisture in the wood, increasing decay.

Regardless of how the farmer tinted his paint, having a red barn became a fashionable thing. They were a sharp contrast to the traditional white farmhouse.

Dairy barns were painted with whitewash (a mixture of slaked lime, whiting and water) which has antimicrobial properties that were viewed as beneficial to barn animals, especially dairy herds.



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- Hotels & Motels**
- American Travel Inn**
515 S. Grand Ave.
(509) 334-3500
 - Cougarland Motel**
150 W Main St.
(509) 334-3535
 - Hilltop Inn**
928 NW Olsen St.
(509) 332-0928
hilltopinnpullman.com
 - Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**
1190 SE Bishop Blvd.
(509) 334-4437
holidayinnexpress.com/pullmanwa
 - Manor Lodge Motel**
455 SE Paradise
(509) 334-2511
manorlodgemotel.com

- Bed & Breakfast**
- Airway Hills Vacation Rentals**
4811 Airport Rd
(509) 872-3092
airwayhills.com/vacationrental.aspx
 - Henry Young Ranch House**
1004 Stony Rd.
(714) 384-4131
henryyoungranch.com
 - Wesson Barn Loft & Bunk House**
284 Hayward Rd
(509) 338-5030
wessonbarnloft.com
wessonbunkhouse.com
 - Cougar Bed & Bagel**
1515 Leland Dr
(509) 339-6300
cougarbedandbagel.com

Our cover photograph is of the Palouse River by Rod Schwartz. Born and raised in Chicago, Rod Schwartz moved with his wife and daughters to the Palouse in 1979. In addition to his work in radio advertising, Rod is an avid photographer who enjoys capturing our distinctive Palouse landscapes and attractions in photographs. His images have been featured in regional magazines, tourism brochures and publications, calendars, etc. In 2005, Rod co-produced and narrated the DVD video, "O Palouse! A Tale of the Palouse Region of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho." Rod rarely travels without his camera at hand, knowing that a fleeting opportunity may present itself at any time. See more of Rod's work at palousepics.com



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The sites:

- North of Colfax**
- Steptoe Butte:** take Hume Road off Hwy 23 to Park entrance, drive to the top. Requires a Discover Pass
 - Rock Lake:** even has its own monster legacy – take Highway 23 west from Steptoe. Turn north on Rock Lake Rd
 - Round Barn:** Along Highway 23 just East of Rock Lake Rd
 - Concrete arch bridge:** just off Highway 195 South of Rosalia
 - Steptoe Battlefield Monument:** go into Rosalia then take E 9th Street to battlefield (there is a sign)
- West County**
- Manning Rye Covered Bridge:** Take Green Hollow Rd off Highway 26 just outside Colfax. Park at grain elevator, short hike to bridge
 - Snake River:** Either out Hwy 195 or Wawaiwai Road
 - Lone remaining building of town of Wilcox:** Take Sommers Rd to corner of Wilcox Rd – in the field
 - Pampa Pond:** Off Hwy 26, turn on Fleming Rd
 - Stone Houses:** In LaCrosse, built from fieldstone for farm hands. North on Scott Rd off Hwy 26
 - Country Bible Church:** At Dusty head south on Highway 127
 - Company town of Hooper:** Store and an old "haunted" hotel, off Highway 26 on Gray Rd

Richard Palmer



- East**
- Elberton Area:** Gorgeous scenic views of the Palouse River, north on Draper Rd
 - JC Barron Flour Mill:** In Oakesdale
 - Palouse:** 1895 Holy Trinity Church with Litch Gate (Corpse Gate). Turn North off Hwy 27, corner of Bridge St and E. Alder St
 - Kamiak Butte:** Known for spring flowers. 3 mile hike to the top. Turn west of HW 27 on Clear Creek Rd
 - Altergott Road:** River, cattle and pines West off Hwy 27 north of Palouse
- South**
- Dahmen Barn:** famous for its wagon wheel fence. South on 195 in Uniontown
 - St. Boniface Church:** First consecrated church in Washington State, 1904. 2 blocks west of Hwy 195 in Uniontown
 - St. Gall's Church:** In Colton, north on Steptoe St off Hwy 195



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- Must See Architecture**
- Perkins House built in 1886 and original log cabin. West on Deanway off Hwy 195, follow signs
 - Tekoa Empire Theatre built in 1940. In Tekoa off Hwy 27
 - RC McCroskey House built in 1898. In Garfield off Hwy 27, just north of town
 - Bryan Hall Clock Tower, Library Rd on WSU campus in Pullman
 - Greystone Church, 430 NE Maple on WSU Campus in Pullman
 - Palouse Falls** (92 miles west of Pullman) A short drive off of State Route 26 lies Palouse Falls State Park, a delightfully cool shock of water amid the arid prairie. The Palouse River charges over the rocky precipice and plummets 198 feet to the waiting, round salt-rock canyon. The spray and sun creating what seems to be an everlasting rainbow. Call 509-646-9218 for more information

PRINCIPLES OF ETHICAL FIELD PRACTICES

NANPA believes that following these practices promotes the well-being of the location, subject and photographer. Every place, plant, and animal, whether above or below water, is unique, and cumulative impacts occur over time. Therefore, one must always exercise good individual judgment. It is NANPA's belief that these principles will encourage all who participate in the enjoyment of nature to do so in a way that best promotes good stewardship of the resource.

Environmental: knowledge of subject and place

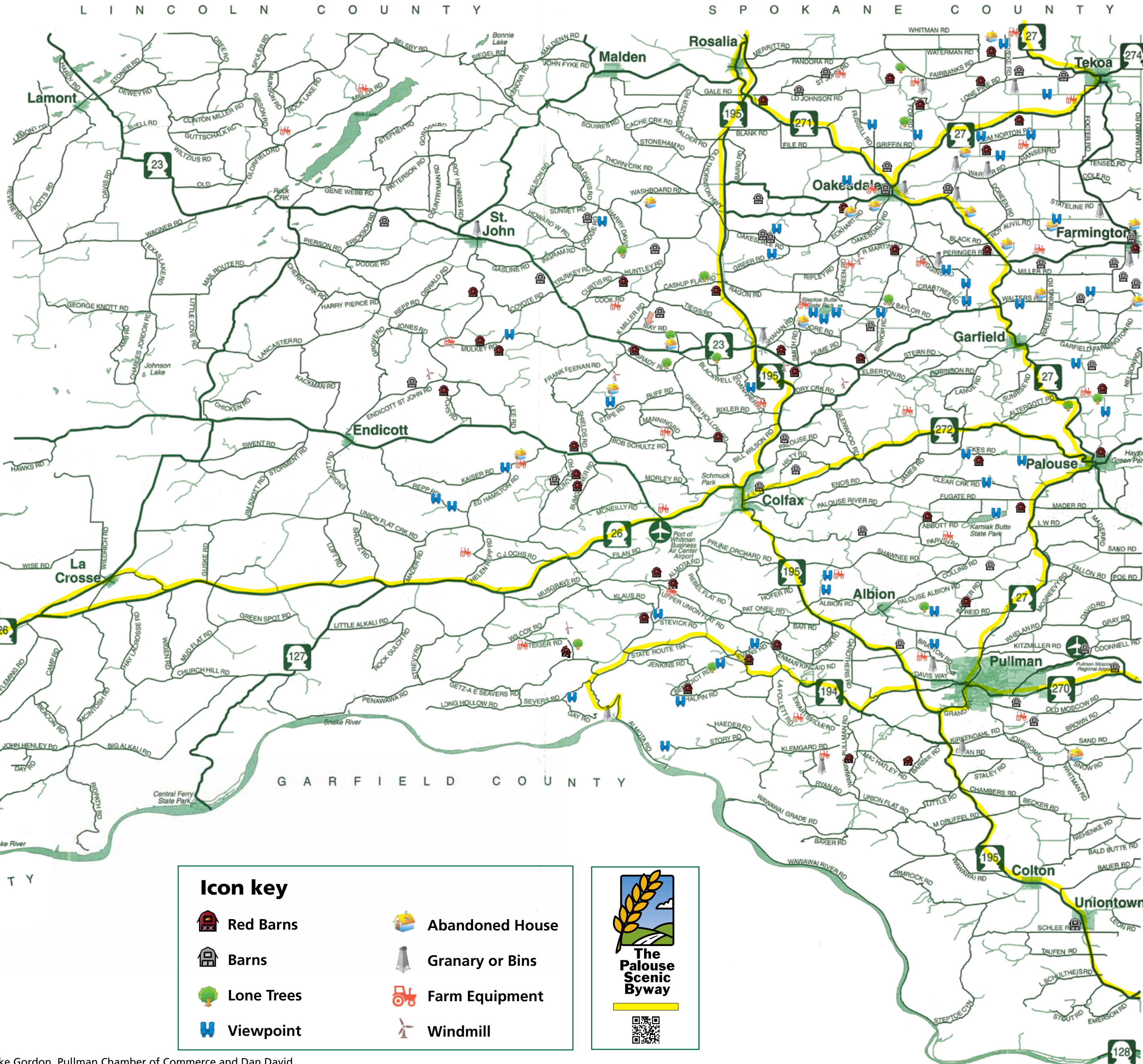
- Learn patterns of animal behavior—know when not to interfere with animals' life cycles.
- Respect the routine needs of animals—remember that others will attempt to photograph them, too.
- Use appropriate lenses to photograph wild animals—if an animal shows stress, move back and use a longer lens.
- Acquaint yourself with the fragility of the ecosystem—stay on trails that are intended to lessen impact.

Social: knowledge of rules and laws

- When appropriate, inform managers or other authorities of your presence and purpose—help minimize cumulative impacts and maintain safety.
- Learn the rules and laws of the location—if minimum distances exist for approaching wildlife, follow them.
- In the absence of management authority, use good judgement—treat the wildlife, plants and places as if you were their guest.
- Prepare yourself and your equipment for unexpected events—avoid exposing yourself and others to preventable mishaps.

Individual: expertise and responsibilities

- Treat others courteously—ask before joining others already shooting in an area.
- Tactfully inform others if you observe them engaging in inappropriate or harmful behavior—many people unknowingly endanger themselves and animals.



Report inappropriate behavior to proper authorities—don't argue with those who don't care; report them.

Be a good role model, both as a photographer and a citizen—educate others by your actions; enhance their understanding.

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