

Conservation Works

That's why we chose these materials when constructing and furnishing the Forest Learning Center:

- The flooring in our entry forest setting, and the protective surfacing on the playground's volcano contains recycled rubber tires.
- Many of the objects on display in the Eruption Chamber are items salvaged and reused in creating this unique environment.
- Old timbers were salvaged from a local mill facility that was being dismantled, and used along with laminated beams in the building's structural system.
- Other building materials include second-growth lumber, strandboard and hardboard made from wood scraps or chips, and wood paneling made from alder.

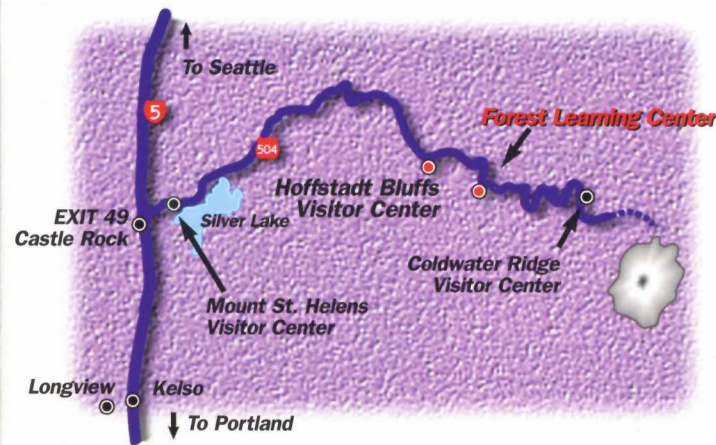
A Public/Private Partnership

- The Washington State Department of Transportation and Weyerhaeuser were partners in the construction of this visitor center and rest area. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation also contributed to help provide views of elk herds in the valley below the center.
- All exhibits courtesy of Weyerhaeuser.
- The center is operated by Weyerhaeuser.

Don't miss...

The Forest Learning Center... A Place For The Whole Family To Enjoy

- Walk through a lifelike forest, then experience the Eruption Chamber.
- Learn about recovery, reforestation and conservation of forest resources.
- See spectacular views of the mountain, the avalanche debris flow, and replanted forests.
- Have fun at the playground – take a ride on the volcano slide!



Location

The Forest Learning Center is located on Highway 504 at North Fork Ridge viewpoint.

Directions

Take Interstate 5 to Exit 49 (Tuttle/Castle Rock exit). Exit onto Highway 504 and drive east for approximately 33½ miles. Watch for the Forest Learning Center on your right, once you've passed milepost 33.

Hours

Open daily, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. – May through October

Free Admission

General Information

Call: (360) 414-3439

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Welcome!

The Forest Learning Center Celebrates...

The return of the forests at Mount St. Helens and the learning opportunities they continue to provide.

You are about to experience an exciting journey that begins in a re-created forest at Mount St. Helens as it appeared just moments before the volcano erupted on May 18, 1980.

Your next stop will be the Eruption Chamber where you'll see what happened inside the blast zone during the eruption.

Continue on to learn about recovery and reforestation; take a look at forests here today; and end your journey by seeing what's being done to conserve forest resources for the future.



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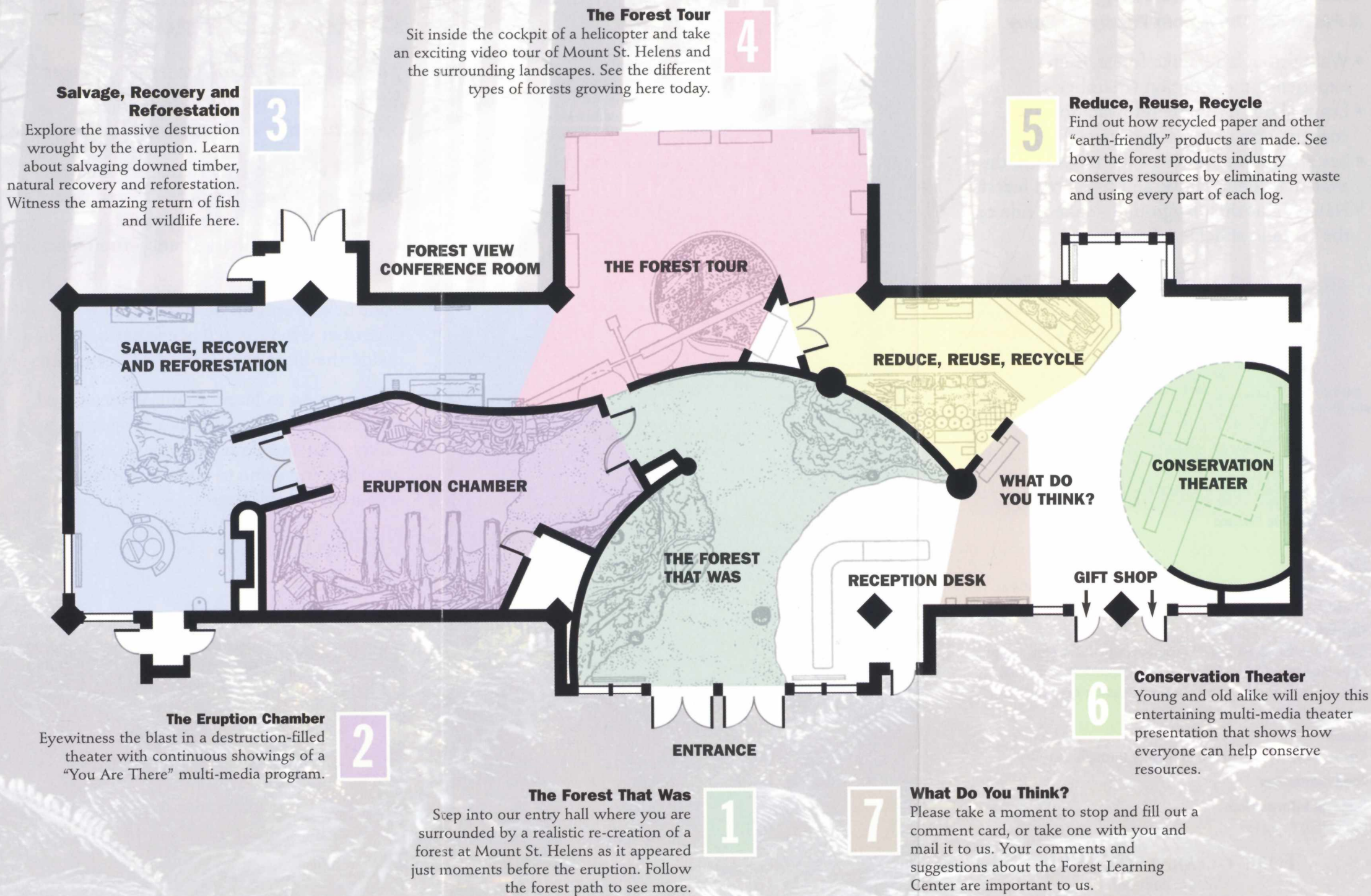
FOREST LEARNING CENTER AT MOUNT ST. HELENS



After the Eruption
THE RETURN OF THE FORESTS



Your guide to the Forest Learning Center



We Ask That You

- Keep small children with you at all times.
- Help preserve our displays for others to enjoy.

Please Recycle – Use the recycling bins located inside and outside the building.

While You're Here – We Hope You'll Also Enjoy...

Our Gift Shop – Our gift shop offers a variety of unique products oriented to nature and the out-of-doors, including tree-planting kits, educational games and books, clothing items, Northwest crafts, and products made from Mount St. Helens ash.

Volcano-Themed Playground – The playground is designed to be enjoyed by children of all ages and is wheelchair accessible. Since it is unsupervised, please stay with your children at all times.

Spectacular Views – An elevated viewpoint provides spectacular views of the mountain, the avalanche debris flow that swept the Toutle Valley, elk herds frequently seen on the valley floor, and vast acres of replanted forests that surround the Forest Learning Center.

Reserved Parking for Tour Groups – For group tours of 20 or more people, please call ahead and we'll reserve a parking space for you.