

A Spectacular Sight



The original observation platform at Snoqualmie Falls

than the famed Niagara Falls) through a spectacular rock gorge. This is Snoqualmie Falls, one of Washington state's most popular scenic attractions. It attracts 1.5 million visitors every year.

Enhancing the View

Over the years, Puget Power has continually worked to maintain the beauty of the land surrounding Snoqualmie Falls, and offer visitors a pleasant experience. The attractive two-acre park we've developed includes an observation platform 300 feet above the Snoqualmie River, offering an outstanding view of the falls and surrounding area. The water drops 270 feet into a 65-foot-deep pool before continuing on downstream. Native trees and shrubs make the park an ideal spot for picnicking, going for a stroll, or just being lazy on a summer afternoon. Benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains and restrooms are all nearby. Perched on the overlook to the falls is the Salish Lodge, featuring quality accommodations, fine dining and a specialty gift shop. Also located at the falls is the Salish Express Café, offering casual dining, souvenirs and gifts. The Salish Lodge and Salish Express Cafe are owned by Puget Western, Inc., a subsidiary of Puget Power, and operated by the Oregon-based Salishan Lodge.

We hope you enjoy your visit to the falls and the park. The award winning improvements we've made here are a part of our continuing commitment to maintaining the quality of life in the Puget Sound area.



View from the River Trail

History of the Snoqualmie Falls Project

In the 1890s, a civil engineer named Charles H. Baker saw Snoqualmie Falls and a dream took shape. He began to formulate a plan to harness the power of the flowing water. Construction of the power plant began in 1898. It was truly an engineering marvel, requiring excavation through solid rock.



Charles H. Baker

In 1910, Plant 2 was added just downstream from the falls on the north side of the river. It was expanded in 1957.