



# OUR STATE WASHINGTON

**STATE NAMED** for President George Washington, our Nation's First President

**STATE NICKNAME** is The Evergreen State

**STATE MOTTO** is Al-Ki (Chinook for "by and by")

**ENTERED THE UNION** on November 11, 1889

**STATE CAPITOL** is Olympia

**STATE FLOWER** is the Rhododendron

**STATE TREE** is the Western Hemlock

**STATE BIRD** is the Willow Goldfinch

**STATE FISH** is the Steelhead Trout

**STATE FOLK SONG** Roll On Columbia (unofficial)

**STATE ROCK** Petrified Wood

**STATE COLORS** Green and Gold

**STATE DANCE** Square Dance

**STATE SONG** Washington My Home

**STATE ROCK SONG** Louie Louie (unofficial)

**AREA** Washington has a total of 66,582 square miles

**POPULATION** As of 2000 census was 5,894,143; estimated to be 6,668,200 by 2009.

**FISHING** Washington is the #1 fishing state in the nation, accounting for 25% of the nation's fish

**FARMING** An estimated 38,000 farms cover 16,300,000 acres; Washington is the nation's leading producer of apples, hops, spearmint oil, sweet cherries, and lentils.