Federal Way

Explore the South King County community of Federal Way – see an architecturally significant corporate office building and surrounding grounds, a Bonsai Museum, a Korean Garden and Pavillion, and walk along an urban trail. Afterwards enjoy a well- deserved Happy Hour.

Federal Way Link Light Rail Station

Meet at the south end on the ground level of the Federal Way Link Light Rail Station.

Light rail – The 1 line ends at the Federal Way Station. From downtown Seattle it takes about 50 minutes

Parking - There is a large parking garage at the north end of the station

Buses – many buses from various locations stop at the light rail station

Restrooms

Single bathroom at the south end of the station. Push the button to request entry.

McDonalds across the street and to the south of the station

Coffee

McDonalds across the street and to the south of the station

WILDLIFE 🤣



WEYERHAEUSER CORPORATE CAMPUS





The headquarters, opened in 1971, was designed by architect Edward Charles Bassett of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and landscape architect Peter Walker of Sasaki Walker & Associates. Their shared philosophy was simple but revolutionary: the landscaping and building "cannot be separated, they are each a creature of the other." That vision still defines the campus more than fifty years later.

Rather than a tall corporate tower, the five-story building steps into the hillside in a series of green terraces. Each level is wrapped in vegetation that spills over the walls, and long horizontal windows stretch uninterrupted along its sides. The result is a structure that seems to vanish into its environment.

Inside, Weyerhaeuser pioneered what was then a radical idea: an open-plan office with no full-height partitions. Every workspace had a view of the surrounding forest, connecting employees to nature throughout the day.

Beyond the architecture, the property is home to two beloved attractions: the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden and the Pacific Bonsai Museum. Walking paths, meadows, and reflective ponds make it a favorite spot for nature lovers, photographers, and architecture fans alike.

In 2017, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation listed the site among its "Most Endangered Places", warning that proposed industrial development could overwhelm the delicate balance between built and natural landscapes.

Today, the campus sits mostly empty after Weyerhaeuser relocated its headquarters to Seattle.

WEYERHAEUSER CORPORATE GROUNDS





The Weyerhaeuser Corporate Grounds are gorgeous and includes forests, meadows, lakes and ponds.

Shortly after entering the grounds you will have a choice to walk on a wooded trail or stay on the road.

If you choose to walk the wooded trail – be aware now that Weyerhaeuser no longer has a presence on the campus the trails are not maintained as well as in the past. As the photos above show there is some climbing over and ducking under trees.



PACIFIC BONSAI MUSEUM





The Pacific Bonsai Museum in Federal Way, Washington, is a place where nature and art converge through the exquisite practice of bonsai. Nestled amidst a sprawling forest, Pacific Bonsai Museum offers a peaceful and contemplative experience unlike any other. As one of the few public collections worldwide solely dedicated to bonsai, Pacific Bonsai Museum showcases contemporary exhibitions, hosts docent-led group tours, provides educational programs, workshops, and much more.

Drawing over 60,000 visitors annually from around the world, the Museum's popularity continues to soar as word spreads about this hidden treasure of the Pacific Northwest.

Weyerhaeuser Company opened the Collection in 1989, in conjunction with the Washington State Centennial celebration. The Collection was established to symbolize Weyerhaeuser's long-term commitments to its customers, its community, and its forest resources. The Museum was designed

by Hoshide Wanzer Architects and The Berger Partnership.

At the end of 2013 the corporation gifted the entire collection to a new non-profit, The George Weyerhaeuser Pacific Rim Bonsai Collection, known as the Pacific Bonsai Museum.

HANWOORI KOREAN GARDEN







On June 10th 2025, the Korean community of Federal Way celebrated a milestone thirteen years in the making: the grand opening of Hanwoori Garden, named for the Korean word *"Hanwoori,"* meaning *"We are one."* The new garden features a beautifully crafted *Palgakjeong* (traditional Korean pavilion) and a traditional Korean gate.

Hanwoori Garden is the result of a unique partnership between the City of Federal Way and its sister city, Donghae, South Korea. Nine skilled technicians traveled from Donghae to build these cultural landmarks, blending centuries-old Korean craftsmanship with modern U.S. building standards.

BPA TRAIL





The BPA Trail in Federal Way gets its name from the Bonneville Power Administration. You can visit several parks along the way of this urban trail including Celebration Park, Madrona Park and Panther Lake Park. It also passes by the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Centre.

CELEBRATION PARK



Opened in 1999, the park is 83.5 acres and contains a children's play structure, four lighted baseball fields, four lighted soccer fields and trails and pathways connecting to the BPA Trail. It also includes a community center.[1]

The land that Celebration Park now sits on was once a local airport. According to a 1954 Federal Way News article, the Evergreen airstrip was a commercial field, privately owned by the Evergreen Air Park, a corporation made up of 60 stockholders.

The air park was formed to not only have an airport, but to provide a suitable living site nearby for plane owners. Mr. Walter Ostendorf was the resident manager, and he and his wife, Hazel, made their home in an apartment to the left of the hangar from 1946 to 1959.

HAPPY HOUR



Happy hour at Azteca. Azteca is located across the road to the west of the light rail station

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