

Henry M. Jackson Visitor Center

Mount Rainier National Park, Washington

The Jackson Visitor Center, which replaced the Mission 66 era visitor center in 2009, is a durable, energy-efficient structure well-integrated with the surrounding landscape and historic buildings in the Paradise National Historic Landmark District.

Through the use of simple, historic forms and natural materials, this structure is a contemporary Northwest rustic architectural expression. The building echoes the forms of surrounding buildings and landscape, with large windows allowing full appreciation of the scenery. Predominant materials are concrete, wood and metal emphasizing simplicity and durability. The building is designed to withstand the harsh weather conditions associated with the alpine environment while providing for year-round visitor enjoyment. The major public spaces open directly onto outdoor plazas to accommodate times of peak visitation in good weather and visitors benefit from a full array of services, including new interpretive exhibits, films and books about the park, food and 24-hour shelter from unexpected storms.

The FFA team provided complete pre-design planning through construction administration/management services working in close partnership with the National Park Service to provide an award-winning and lasting contribution to the national park system.

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