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Skamania County, located at the western end of the scenic Columbia River Gorge, takes pride in its rich history of logging, sawmills and salmon. In the county's northwest corner stands spectacular Mount St. Helens, which startled Washingtonians by erupting in 1980. To the northeast lies the beautiful Mount Adams Wilderness Area, where Native people have gathered wild berries for more than 10,000 years. Early travelers portaged through Skamania County to avoid the furious Cascade Rapids of the Columbia River, now submerged behind Bonneville Dam.

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