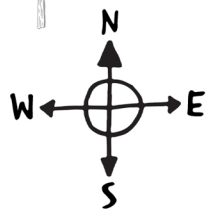


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State Park



**WAIKIKI
BEACH**

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**THIS IS
CHINOOKAN
LAND**

To Interpretive
Center

Fort Canby Road

Fort Canby Road

To Park Entrance

**BAKER
BAY**

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Baker Bay

MAP KEY

P - Parking

R - Restrooms

BAKER BAY

1 - Fish Cleaning Table

2 - Overlook

WAIKIKI BEACH

3 - Cedar Circle

4 - Amphitheater

5 - Boardwalk

WATERS OF CHANGE

LEARN & REFLECT

Since time immemorial, the Chinookan people have called the region around the mouth of the Columbia River their homeland—a vast network of lands, waters, communities, and ecosystems.

The Chinookan people call the River's mouth "Kah'eese" and the river itself "Wimahl."

More than 10,000 years ago, Ice Age flood waters flowed through this area, causing sea waters to rise and shorelines to shift.

About 100 years ago, a jetty system was built to maintain large ship navigation through the river.

How do you think future changes might affect the rivers and landscape of this region?

PROTECT

For thousands of years, the Chinookan people have fished in this area. Salmon runs once numbered in the tens of millions of fish. Today, only about one million salmon pass through this spot every year.

What can we do to help these important fish recover to their previous population?

“We are canoe people and we inherited sensibilities and traditions around that. Our people continue to be on the water every day, many of them today.”

—Tony Johnson, Chinook Indian Nation

Willapa Bay

Baker Bay

Columbia River

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Pacific Ocean

Cape Disappointment State Park

jetties

BAKER BAY

REFLECT

Baker Bay has been a significant site for fishing for the Chinook people since time immemorial.

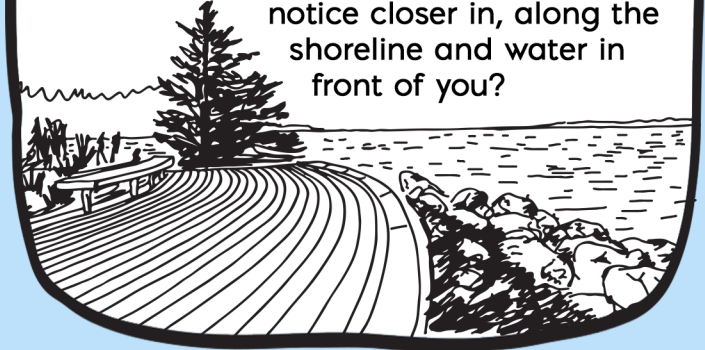
What do you think this place looked and sounded like 200 years ago?

What do you think it might look like in another 200 years?

OBSERVE

The artist Maya Lin designed a space that looks out on Baker Bay. Stand at the overlook and imagine a big circle that expands as far out as you can see.

What do you observe or hear at the edges of that circle? What do you notice closer in, along the shoreline and water in front of you?



Baker Bay

NOTICE

Notice the Fish Cleaning Table by the boat launch that's carved out of basalt. The story carved into its surface is central to Chinook culture and has been passed down through many generations orally.

Spend some time reading the inscription, and reflect on one new thing you learned.



overlook

fish table

boat launch

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WAIKIKI BEACH

OBSERVE

On the walkway to the Cedar Circle, notice the inscription of lyrics from a Chinook praise song recited at this site during its dedication.

What themes can you find?



NOTICE

The text on the boardwalk comes from the Lewis and Clark journals.

What do you notice about these inscriptions?

Pause as you get closer to the beach. What do you see?
What do you hear?

amphitheatre

REFLECT

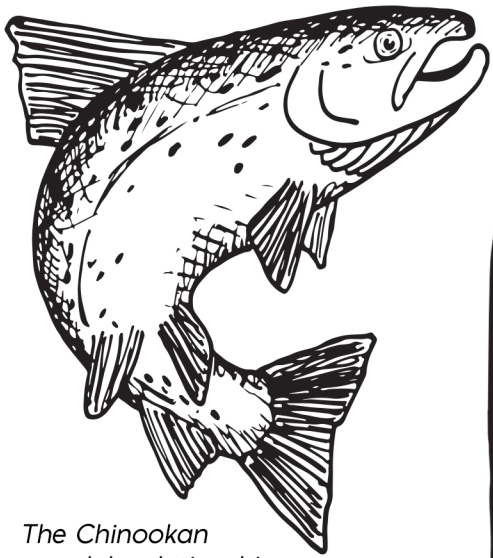
The large section of cedar in the middle of the Cedar Circle predates Lewis and Clark's arrival to this site in 1805. The driftwood pieces installed around it were found at the beach and likely traveled many miles.

If these cedar pieces could tell stories, what do you think they would say?



Cedar Circle

Waikiki Beach



The Chinookan people's relationship with salmon is central to their culture and traditions.

GIVING BACK

What are some ways that human use is changing this place today?

What are some ways that you can protect this place and restore the relationship between the river and the land?

GRATITUDE

We offer thanks to the many Indigenous Tribes and Bands who have traveled, traded, fished, and lived along the Columbia River system.

These include people whose descendants are now members of the Chinook Indian Nation, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

We encourage you to offer gratitude and learn more about the unique living cultures, customs, and people from the Indigenous Nations who have called this land home since time immemorial.

The Chinookan people use Sitka spruce for many purposes, including food, medicine, and building materials.



LEARN MORE

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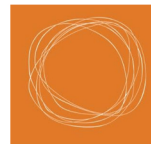
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