

## Community Profile: Creston, Washington

The Town of Creston is located in the upper Columbia Basin Plateau area of Eastern Washington on State Highway 2. Creston is 29 miles from Grand Coulee Dam, 57 miles from Spokane and 239 miles from Seattle. The residents of Creston enjoy the recreational and agricultural opportunities that four seasons bring to a community. Citizens are served by a Mayor and Town Council, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and a volunteer fire department with EMT and 911 Emergency Response services. Creston is 8 miles from the North Basin Medical Clinic in Wilbur and 20 miles from Lincoln County Hospital in Davenport.



Commercial and residential real estate are substantially more affordable in Lincoln County than in Washington's more urban counties. Residents and business owners in Creston have year-round access to fuel, groceries, banking and a restaurant. A pharmacy, auto parts and repair, tire sales, a florist, dentist, and chiropractor are only 8 miles away in Wilbur. A local newspaper, *The Wilbur Register*, keeps Creston's residents informed of community news and activities. The Creston School District offers excellent academic programs as well as the opportunity for children to participate in football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, golf, tennis, track and cheerleading.

Creston is situated in the heart of eastern Washington's wheat country and the Channeled Scablands. This ancient, flood-carved geography provides spectacular sightseeing, hiking and biking opportunities. Creston is also a gateway to 13-mile-long Lake Roosevelt and the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. Whether you enjoy camping, fishing, boating, water skiing, canoeing or wind surfing, Lake Roosevelt has something for everyone. The lakeside community of Lincoln is only 8 miles away and offers swimming, camping and a boat launch. If golf is your game, the Big Bend Golf & Country Club is a 10-minute drive and offers a beautifully conditioned, dual-tee, nine-hole course with restaurant and lounge. Two other Lincoln County courses are less than an hour away. Creston is well known for its hunting opportunities including game birds, water fowl, deer, elk and bear.



Creston is a community with a fascinating history that includes the Wild West outlaw Harry Tracy, a murderer and convicted burglar. Tracy escaped from prison and was hunted by thousands of men looking to earn the \$8,000 reward on his head. He defied capture for months leaving a trail of dead bounty hunters behind him until he finally met his match in 1902 – a posse from Creston. Another famous Creston cowboy is rodeo bronc rider Deb Copenhaver, inductee of no less than 7 rodeo Halls of Fame and two-time winner of the World title.

When he stopped riding he opened the famous Deb's Café where tourists arrived in Creston by the busload to dance to the likes of Hank Thompson, Bonnie Guitar and Ernest Tubb. The building (right) is currently for sale.



If you would like to know more about the area and its proximity to Grand Coulee Dam, please contact Margie Hall, Executive Director of the Lincoln County Economic Development Council by email at [edcmargie@centurylink.net](mailto:edcmargie@centurylink.net) or by phone at (509) 725-1170. We would be happy to share Creston with you.

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