

Community Profile: Wilbur, Washington

The Town of Wilbur is located in the upper Columbia Basin Plateau area of Eastern Washington on State Highway 2. Wilbur is 23 miles from Grand Coulee Dam, 70 miles from Spokane and 230 miles from Seattle. The residents of Wilbur enjoy the recreational and agricultural opportunities that four seasons bring to a community. Citizens are served by a mayor and town council, two full-time police officers and a fire department with EMT and 911 Emergency Response services. Wilbur has its own medical clinic and chiropractic care provider, and there are three hospitals within a 36 mile radius of town. The local government provides the community with a library, museum, swimming pool, senior center and community center. The local newspaper, *The Wilbur Register*, keeps residents informed of the community events and activities that occur throughout the year.



Commercial and residential real estate are substantially more affordable in Lincoln County than in Washington's more urban counties. The average sale price for a single-family home in Wilbur in 2008 was \$99,000. Home and business owners have year-round access to a grocery store, fuel distributors, a pharmacy, auto repair, tire sales, auto parts, restaurants, a florist, a winery, and more. The Wilbur School District offers excellent academic programs as well as the opportunity for children to participate in band, football, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, baseball, golf, tennis and track.

The Town of Wilbur has an airport designed and constructed to FAA standards. The Wilbur Airport is popular with recreational fliers and is capable for use by emergency health care providers and Homeland Security forces. In the past five years, the town has completed an Airport Master Plan, installed a Precision Approach Path Indicator, upgraded the hold signs, improved the safety areas, installed fencing and completed runway widening and extension. A parallel taxiway is currently under construction that will eliminate back-taxiing on the runway. Combined, these enhancements mean the ability of the airport to accommodate larger aircraft. Pilots flying out of the Wilbur Airport can reach the Spokane International Airport in Spokane County in approximately 30 minutes.

Wilbur is situated in the heart of eastern Washington's wheat country and the Channeled Scablands of the Columbia Basin Plateau. This ancient, flood-carved geography provides spectacular sightseeing, hiking and biking opportunities. Scenic Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area is only 15 miles away. Whether you enjoy camping, fishing, boating, water skiing, canoeing or wind surfing, Lake Roosevelt has something for everyone. If golf is your game, you don't even have to leave town. Big Bend Golf & Country Club offers a beautifully conditioned, dual-tee, nine-hole course with restaurant and lounge. Two other Lincoln County courses are less than an hour away. Wine lovers will enjoy tasting award winning wines at the Whitestone Winery in Wilbur. If your passion is hunting, opportunities abound. Wilbur is home to many retired engineers, technicians and machinists from Grand Coulee Dam who had good reason to stay in the area for their leisure years. Wilbur is a great place to live and a great place to do business.



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 or by phone at (509) 725-1170. We would be happy to share Wilbur with you.

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