

Mount Constitution Interpretive Center

Orcas Island, WA



Bring the mountain inside

The spectacular view from Mount Constitution's Observation Tower is the main attraction at Moran State Park. While the current visitor center at the summit is well used, Washington State Parks (WSP) felt a new center would help diverse visitors explore the history of the mountain in more meaningful, hands-on ways.

APA collaborated with WSP to address the challenge of accessibility at the site. Exhibits take visitors on an imagined journey through space and time to the mountain's highest point. A recreated view curves around the upper walls of the gallery, providing a breathtaking experience for those who cannot climb the Observation Tower's stairs. Below, exhibits interpret the panorama and the tower's connection to the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Other exhibits explore the mountain's geology and ecology, using touchable models and maps, discovery drawers and listening stations to engage visitors of all ages and abilities.

APA developed the concept plan for the new interpretive center.

