



**Columbia County** was created in 1875 from part of Walla Walla County. It derives its name from the Columbia River. Situated in the southeastern part of the state, it is bordered by Oregon on the south and the Snake River on the north. The Blue Mountains occupy the southern part of the county. In 1806 the Lewis and Clark expedition crossed the county and later in the century, in the year 1860, the residents of the county witnessed the first steam navigation of the Snake River. Today Columbia County bases its economy on agriculture, with wheat and vegetable production leading its output.

**Bounded by:** Whitman County (N), Garfield County (E), Oregon State (S), and Walla Walla County (W).

**County Seat:** Dayton (originally called Williamson).

**Chambers of Commerce:**

Dayton Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center ([www.historicdayton.com](http://www.historicdayton.com)), PO Box 22, 166 E Main, Dayton, WA 99328. Phone 509-382-4825. Fax 509-382-1969. Email [chamber@historicdayton.com](mailto:chamber@historicdayton.com)

**County Government:** ([www.columbiaco.com](http://www.columbiaco.com)) 341 E Main St, Dayton, WA 99328. Courthouse hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

**Assessor:** Phone 509-382-2131. Fax 509-382-4830.

**Auditor:** Phone 509-382-4541. Fax 509-382-4830.

**Clerk:** Phone 509-382-4321. Fax 509-382-4830.

**Treasurer:** PO Box 24. Phone 509-382-2641. Fax 509-382-4830.

**Genealogical Society:**

Columbia County Genealogical and Historical Society, PO Box 74, Dayton, WA 99328-0074.

**Health Department:** Columbia County Health District, ([www.doh.wa.gov/LHJMap/No\\_web.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/LHJMap/No_web.htm)) 221 E Washington, Dayton, WA 99328. Phone 509-382-2181. Fax 509-382-2942.

**Historical Society:**

Columbia County Genealogical and Historical Society, PO Box 74, Dayton, WA 99328-0074.

**Libraries - Academic:**

**Libraries - Public:**

Dayton Memorial Library, PO Box 74, Dayton, WA 99328-0074. Phone 509-382-4131. Email [dml@bmi.net](mailto:dml@bmi.net)

**Libraries - Special:**

Columbia County Law Library, 341 E Main St, Dayton, WA 99328-1361. Phone 509-382-4321. Fax 509-382-4830.

Dayton Washington Family History Center Library, 1114 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Dayton, WA. 99328. Phone 509-382-2111.

**Museums and Historical Sites:**

Dayton Historical Depot, ([www.historicdayton.com/attractions.htm](http://www.historicdayton.com/attractions.htm)) PO Box 1881, 222 E Commercial, Dayton, WA 99328. Phone 509-382-2026. Fax 509-382-4726.

**State Archives Branch:**

Eastern Regional Archives Branch, ([www.ewu.edu/era](http://www.ewu.edu/era)) Eastern Washington University, 211 Tawanka, Cheney, WA 98004-2423. Phone 509-359-6900. Fax 509-359-6286. Email [era@secstate.wa.gov](mailto:era@secstate.wa.gov).