



Pend Oreille County was formed from Stevens County in 1911. It is named after an Indian tribe of the area. The county is located in the far northeastern corner of the state and borders Canada to the north and Idaho on the east. It was first visited by Europeans in 1809 when David Thompson of the Northwest Company passed through the county. The famous Jesuit missionary, Father DeSmet, was also active in the area. During the mid-nineteenth century, gold was discovered along the Pend Oreille River bringing in the first settlers. Steamboats brought the settlers supplies until 1909 when the first railroad arrived. Today the majority of the county is made up of national forest land. Its major economic activities are logging, agriculture, mining and tourism.

Bounded by: Canada (N), Idaho (E), Spokane County (S) and Stevens County (W).

County Seat: Newport

Chamber of Commerce:

Newport-Oldtown Chamber of Commerce, 325 W 4th, Newport, WA 99156. Phone 509-447-5812.

County Government: (www.pendoreille.org) 625 W 4th, Newport, WA 99156. Courthouse hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

Assessor: PO Box 5010. Phone (509)447-4312. Fax (509)447-0318.

Auditor: PO Box 5015. Phone (509)447-3185. Fax (509)447-2475.

Clerk: PO Box 5020. Phone (509)447-2435. Fax (509)447-2734.

Treasurer: PO Box 5080. Phone (509)447-3612. Fax (509)447-0318.

Genealogical Society:

Health Department: Northeast Tri County Health Dist, PO Box 270, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 509-684-1301. Fax 509-684-1002.

Historical Society:

Pend Oreille County Historical Society, 402 S Washington, Newport, WA 99156. Phone 509-447-5388.

Libraries - Academic:

Libraries - Public:

Pend Oreille County Library District, (www.pocld.org/) 116 S Washington Ave, Newport, WA 99156-9156. Phone 509-447-2111. Fax 509-447-2806. *Branches of this library district:*

Calispel Valley Library, PO Box 227, 107 1st Ave, Cusick, WA 99119. Phone 509-445-1215. Fax 509-445-1215.

Ione Public Library, PO Box 605, 112 Central Ave, Ione, WA 99139. Phone 509-442-3030. Fax 509-442-3030.

Metaline Community Library, PO Box 111, 302 Park St, Metaline Falls, WA 99153. Phone 509-446-3232. Fax 509-446-2302.

Newport Public Library, 116 S Washington Ave, Newport, WA 99156-1708. Phone 509-447-2111. Fax 509-447-2806.

Libraries - Special:

Museums and Historical Sites:

Pend Oreille County Historical Museum, PO Box 1409, 116 S Washington, Newport, WA 99156. Phone 509-447-5388. Fax 509-447-2806.

State Archives Branch:

Eastern Regional Archives Branch, (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.