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ABOUT LA CONNER

While kicking back at the Thousand Trails Preserve, La Conner in the state of Washington, we always take this opportunity to visit the town of La Conner. The town occupies the west side of the Snohomish waterway, and the Indian tribal Reservation, the other side.

The town is listed on the National Historic Register and paradoxically the entire town is internet wireless enabled! The town is situated beside the waterway which was important in early times, for transportation, fishing, lumber industries and it still maintains a Victorian architecture presence.

In 1867, John Conner purchased a trading post and Post Office and later formed a town named with the initials of his wife's name, Louisa Ann and his last name. Hence, La Conner.

Interesting trivia, in the old days, when the shift at the cannery ended, a whistle blew. Housewives in response to the "biscuit whistle" would put the evening dinner biscuits into the oven, in time for them to be ready when their husbands walked home!

Today the town has a thriving tourist business, almost year around. There are many pleasure craft docked along the waterfront.

The day we were there, as we sat in a waterfront restaurant, a seal swam alongside as if looking for a handout. A later barking commotion at a dock brought townspeople to look. Apparently it is not a normal thing to see a seal this far from the sound.

There is also a nice quilt museum in town. Many gift and artist stores exist along with many restaurants and snack shops. Enough things for everyone to do.



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