

# Artmans over Washington

The Cloyd and Audrey Artman Washington State tour

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**Oroville, Washington** — The home town of Cloyd and Audrey Artman

From town, look west to Ellemeham Mountain, Cloyd's first mountain soaring site, and East to Mt. Hull, where he launched for his biggest flights.

The Zosel Mill is still present in Oroville; it was Cloyd's employer after high school, for several years to earn money to pay for college. Location: 14th Avenue at the river.

At approximately the site of the Caribou Motel, the town's original airport was located. This is where Cloyd's first flights in the Golden Dawn occurred, launched by autotow. Later, he gave Audrey her first lessons here.

Oroville High School (on Ironwood St.) has been rebuilt. Cloyd was a proud OHS graduate, class of 1932. Audrey graduated in 1934.

Visit Riverview Cemetery, Cloyd's final resting place. It is located off Golden Road, west of the Okanogan River. His memorial stone is in the northwest corner of the Cemetery with a view out towards Ellemeham Mountain.



**Oroville Chamber of Commerce** ([orovillechamber.net](http://orovillechamber.net))

**Old Oroville Depot Museum** ([orovillewashington.com/vic](http://orovillewashington.com/vic))



## *Grand Coulee Dam*

Stand in the town of Grand Coulee and imagine the dam under construction in the mid-'30s. Now, imagine Cloyd and Audrey bungee launching off the bluffs above and doing wingovers on the way down to land near the gigantic construction site.

**Grand Coulee Dam area information** ([grandcouleedam.org](http://grandcouleedam.org))

## *Pullman, Washington*

Visit Washington State University, formerly Washington State College. Cloyd was a mechanical engineering student, and Audrey enrolled in Secretarial Science. The WSC Aero Club was founded by Cloyd in Fall 1935. Autotow and wire tow demonstrations were given on various college athletic fields.

See the triangular-shaped property at the intersection of NE Oak St., NE Opal St., and NE Maiden Lane. Now student apartments, the Greystone house was the Theta Xi fraternity house where Cloyd lived as a freshman and sophomore.

See the house at 820 NE California St. Cloyd lived here as a Junior.

**Pullman Chamber of Commerce** ([pullmanchamber.com](http://pullmanchamber.com))

**Whitman County Historical Society** ([whitmancountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://whitmancountyhistoricalsociety.org))

**Washington State University** ([wsu.edu](http://wsu.edu))

## *Steptoe Butte State Park* (near Colfax, Washington)

Drive to the top of Steptoe Butte and see the launch point for the WSC Aero Club's favorite training site. Wind from almost any compass point, grassy slopes, and plenty of places to safely land: A perfect place to learn gliding.

**Steptoe Butte State Park** ([stateparks.com/steptoe\\_butte.html](http://stateparks.com/steptoe_butte.html)) **or**  
([parks.state.wa.us/facilities/facility/details/steptoebuttestatepark-141](http://parks.state.wa.us/facilities/facility/details/steptoebuttestatepark-141))

## *The Snake River at Wawawai* (just southwest of Pullman)

Visit Wawawai County Park, on the banks of the Snake. Just downstream from this park is where the Inland Grain tram line ran to railroad tracks by the river. Today's Snake water level is considerably higher than in the '30s, due to the Lower Monumental Dam with the railroad moved to a higher elevation. On the bluffs just west of the County Park is where Cloyd and Frank See launched the *Comet* on their final flight.

**Wawawai County Park** ([whitmancounty.org/ssi.aspx?ssid=86](http://whitmancounty.org/ssi.aspx?ssid=86))

## *Wenatchee, Washington*

The skies around the Wenatchee area were explored by Cloyd, the Aero Club, and the participants in the first ever state soaring meet.

Drive up Badger Mountain Road to the "Pocket" near the top of Badger Mt., the ridge north of Wenatchee. This ridge was the main focus of the Wenatchee area soaring activity. In this Pocket, Cloyd reported good lift and flying formation with a hawk.

Drive up Jagla Road in Wenatchee Heights south of Wenatchee to the area where Cloyd launched over the town from the south.

Park on Wenatchee Avenue, north of Second Street. This is the place where Cloyd put the Lone Eagle on static display for the townspeople.

**Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce** ([wenatchee.org](http://wenatchee.org))

**Wawawai County Park** ([whitmancounty.org/ssi.aspx?ssid=86](http://whitmancounty.org/ssi.aspx?ssid=86))



## ***Boeing Field, Seattle, Washington*** (King County Airport)

Boeing Field was the site of the Duwamish Industrial Club Aviation Exhibition where Cloyd was invited to perform demonstration glider flights, his only recorded visit west of the Cascades.

Visit the recently renovated passenger terminal on Airport Way on the east side of the field. It was reconstructed in its original style and contains some historical photos of the field's past.

Visit the Museum of Flight on the west side, off East Marginal Way. The museum has no mention of Cloyd and Audrey... yet. But an attempt is in progress for recognition of these notable Washington State early days pilots.

**Boeing Field** ([kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Airport.aspx](http://kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Airport.aspx))

**The Museum of Flight** ([museumofflight.org](http://museumofflight.org))

