

VANCOUVER LAND BRIDGE

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The Vancouver Land Bridge reconnects historic Fort Vancouver to the city's Columbia River waterfront and helps restore the natural landscape continuum from upland prairie to river edge.

This pedestrian bridge, which sweeps across State Route 14 in a simple, elegant arch, also commemorates the confluence of rivers and indigenous people encountered by the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Jones & Jones's design draws on the cultural significance of the circle, a Native American symbol often used to represent the life cycle. A walking path meanders across the bridge through an interpretive landscape of prairie, grassland and forest native plants, a rain water collection system and artworks created by the design team and native artists.

FACTS

40-foot-wide, earthen-covered pedestrian bridge
Federal, state and private funding
Sustainability guidelines established
Rainwater collection system irrigates native plants

BENEFITS

Restored landscape continuum Gateway to the City of Vancouver Connects the city to its waterfront Links regional Discovery Trail system Historic landscape interpretation

"The land bridge is a link back to the Klickitat Trail, Lewis and Clark and the development of the Northwest. It completes a circle that's been broken."