

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE

# WENATCHEE RIVER INSTITUTE

*Environmental Learning Center*

2001

Harriet Bullitt offers 2.5-acre "Barn Beach" property to the National Audubon Society for purposes of establishing an Audubon Center in Leavenworth.



2002

National Audubon Society announces plans to establish the Leavenworth Audubon Center on "Barn Beach" and surrounding properties. National Audubon Society completes real estate acquisition for the Center. All acquisitions funded by donations from Harriet Bullitt and the Icicle Fund.

2003

Leavenworth Audubon Center opens facility. Through October 2005, building is only open to the public on a limited basis for tours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

2004

Leavenworth Audubon Center transfers from the National Audubon Society to the Leavenworth based Icicle Fund and is renamed Barn Beach Reserve.

2006

First on-site youth education program takes place on Barn Beach Reserve.



2011

Barn Beach Reserve organization is renamed the Wenatchee River Institute. Barn Beach Reserve remains as the name of the Wenatchee River Institute's 9 acre campus.

THE WENATCHEE RIVER INSTITUTE HAS GROWN TO HAVE OVER 10,000 PARTICIPANT INTERACTIONS ANNUALLY ON BARN BEACH RESERVE AND ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL WASHINGTON.