



ABOUT VADER

Once a railroad stop on the Northern Pacific line, Vader offers a quiet, rural setting.

Vader's annual May Day celebration, held the first Saturday in May, is known across the county as the informal start to the festival season. The event brings people together with a parade, games, and family-friendly entertainment.

Vader is also a key stop on the Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic, with the Vader Lions Club hosting a popular mini stop. Scenic cycling routes pass through Vader, offering beautiful country views.

The town is home to Grace Evangelical Church, a Methodist congregation whose church, built in 1902, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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TOP PICKS FOR DISCOVERING VADER

Good Food, Great Company: Family-owned by the Dailey family since 1988, The Little Crane is a bright, welcoming spot where guests feel right at home. Serving breakfast all day alongside fresh lunches and hearty dinners, it's known for friendly service, comforting meals, and a warm, community-centered atmosphere that keeps locals and visitors coming back.

Vader May Day Festival - A Tradition in Full Bloom: Started in 1952 by Lena DeAger, the Vader May Day Festival is a beloved town-wide celebration held the first Saturday in May. Enjoy a lively parade, traditional maypole dance, and classic cake walk, along with food, craft vendors, free kids games, and a silent auction. Swing into town and join the fun!

Friends of Little Falls Building a Stage for Community Connection: Friends of Little Falls is a nonprofit in Vader creating a community amphitheater at McMurphy Park. This outdoor space will host arts, music, and events, bringing people together. Through local support, the project strengthens connections and creates a lasting place for future generations to gather.



Red, White & Boom - A Fourth of July Celebration in Vader: Celebrate Independence Day in Vader at the lively Red White and Boom festival each July 4th. The day features live music, street vendors, local food trucks, a cornhole tournament, and a large car show. Community activities fill the day before the celebration concludes with a spectacular fireworks show lighting up the night sky.

Vader Lions Club Serving Community and Cyclists Since 1974: Since 1974, the Vader Lions Club has proudly served the community through holiday meal support, vision and hearing assistance, and youth activities. One signature effort is hosting a mini stop for the Seattle to Portland Bicycle Classic each July, welcoming up to 6,000 riders and showcasing small-town hospitality.

Vader The Town of Many Names and Lasting Traditions: Located midway between Seattle and Portland, Vader has a rich history reflected in its many names. Originally settled as Kraft in 1873, it became Little Falls in 1874, then briefly Sopenah, before officially becoming Vader in 1913, honoring a local resident and shaping its unique identity.

Once a thriving industrial town with over 40 businesses, a sawmill, and a clay plant, Vader is now known for its lively festivals and events. From summer concerts and live music to a fireworks show that rivals big cities, there's always something happening in this welcoming, close-knit community year-round for visitors and locals.