



Forty years ago, the city of Spokane hosted the 1974 Expo World's Fair. It was the first environmentally-themed World's Fair. Previous World's Fairs had futuristic themes and focused on how technology could improve our lives.

The Expo focused on our relationship with the Earth, how our choices impact the Earth, and the need to protect our land, air and water.

The fair was designed with conservation in mind. As a result, the old Northern Pacific Railroad switch yard, an industrial area right in the middle of downtown Spokane, was cleaned up and became the Expo site. The only structure left today from the switch yard is the Clock Tower. Structures built for the fair were designed for re-use after the fair was over. The Spokane River

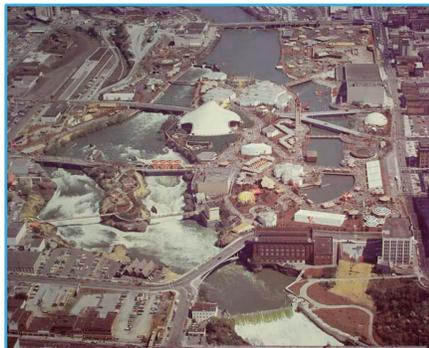


Photo of Expo '74 looking east, courtesy of WA Secretary of State blog.

was cleaned up and people finally had access to this part of the river. As a result, downtown Spokane became a popular place to visit.

At the time, Spokane was the smallest city to host a World's Fair. World leaders were concerned that the city was too small to put on a good event. But, Expo '74 was a success with over 5 million people attending over the six months it was open.

After the fair ended, the site became one of the most important features in Spokane - Riverfront Park.

Take a walk around Riverfront Park* with your family. See if you can find the many

reminders that are still at the park from Expo '74.

- The U.S. Pavilion, hosts the IMAX movie theater, which was the largest indoor screen at the time. Now the Pavilion is home to an ice rink in the winter, carnival rides in the summer and a newly-refurbished IMAX theater.
- The Washington State Pavilion is now the Spokane Convention Center and INB Center for the Performing Arts. The floating dock in front of the convention center is also from Expo '74.
- The garbage eating goat made its debut at Expo and you can still feed it garbage today!
- The Carrousel building was a German restaurant. It was built for the fair with the idea that it would house the Looff Carrousel after Expo '74.
- There are still some butterfly sculptures in the park.
- The Forestry Shelter is now a wonderful place for a picnic.
- The gondola ride is as popular today as it was back in 1974 - but newly refurbished.



Photo of the goat, courtesy of Expo blog.

*According to the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture, in 1914 the Parks Commission hired the Olmsted Brothers to outline a plan for the city's parks. The plan proposed the Gorge Park, to "preserve what beauty and grandeur remains of its great river gorge." It took 50+ years for their idea to become reality with Expo '74 and Riverfront Park.



Conservation - it's in your hands!

Conservation is still important, even 40 years after Expo '74.

To many families, practicing conservation is second nature - we do it without even thinking about it. How do you and your family help protect the Earth and conserve natural resources? Check off all that you do. Is there something that you do that's not on the list?

- Re-use items.
- Compost food waste and yard and garden debris.
- Recycle everything you can; paper, cans, glass, paperboard, cardboard, etc.
- Grass-cycle by leaving grass clippings on your lawn.
- Turn lights off when you leave a room.
- Don't leave the faucet running.
- Plant trees, vegetables, shrubs and flowers.
- Water your yard early in the morning or late at night to reduce water evaporation.
- Carpool, ride the bus, bike, walk.
- Combine errands into efficient trips.
- Keep vehicle tires properly inflated.
- Other things that your family does: _____

Members can earn 5 points by emailing us a photo of them at any of these events!

Community Calendar:

- August 9:** **Kids' Day**
Riverfront Park
11 a.m. - 5 p.m., free admission
- August 16:** **Unity in the Community**
Riverfront Park
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., free admission
- Sept. 5 - 14:** **Spokane Interstate Fair**
Spokane County Fairgrounds
10 a.m. - 10 p.m., admission fee
- Sept. 20:** **Valleyfest**
Mirabeau Park
10 a.m. - 6 p.m., free admission
- Sept. 20:** **National Weather Service Open House**
2601 N. Rambo Rd, Spokane
10 a.m. - 4 p.m., free admission
- Sept. 27:** **Spokane River Clean Up**
Riverfront Park
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Oct. 25:** **Fall Leaf Festival**
Finch Arboretum
11 a.m. - 2 p.m., free admission

New Prizes!

EnviroKids Club has new prizes! Club members earn points by doing different activities. They can redeem their points for cool prizes.

- 10 points = pencil or recycled pen
- 20 points = native wildflower seed packet
- 30 points = recycled piggy bank
- 50 points = tote bag
- 70 points = water bottle
- 100 points = drawstring backpack

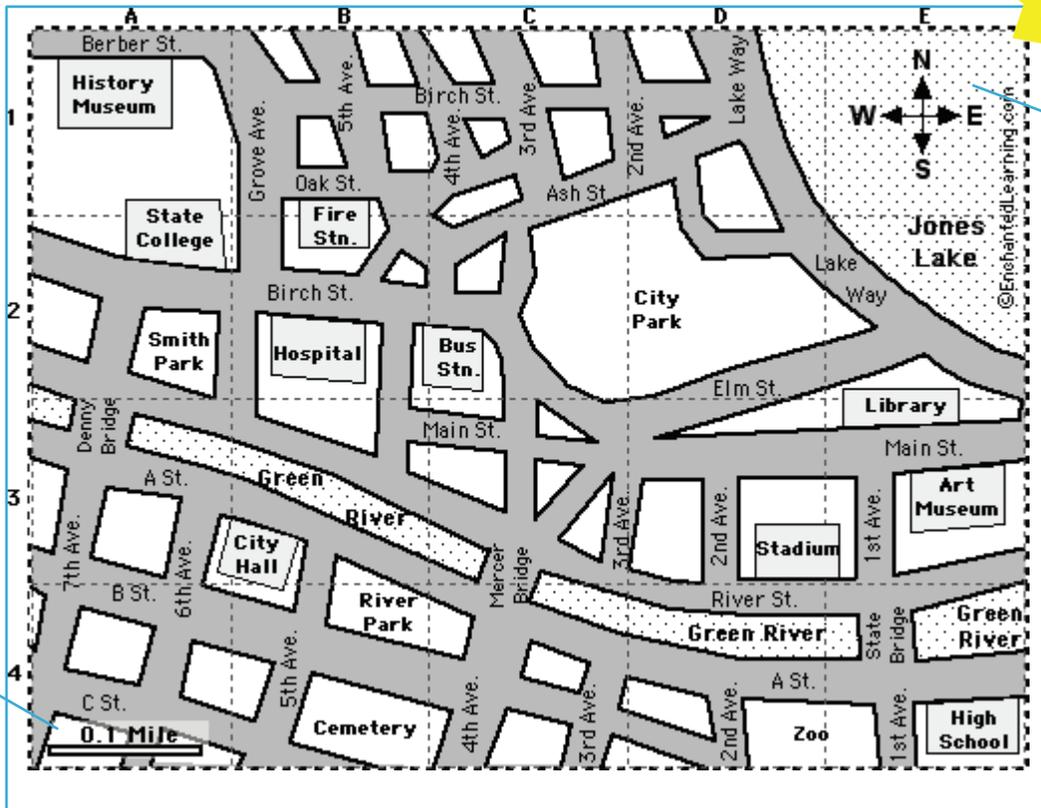
Check out what the prizes look like at the EnviroKids Club website:

www.SpokaneEnviroKids.org



Mapping Activity

Members can earn 5 points by completing activities on this page!



measurement scale

compass rose

Now it's time to have fun with the map by practicing your map reading skills. All maps follow several design rules. The top of the map is usually north. You can always look at the **compass rose** to verify if north is at top. Maps usually follow some type of grid pattern. You'll see on the left hand side of the grid are the numbers 1-4. On the top of the grid are letters A-E. There is always a **measurement scale** on the map.

1. Make up a name for the town illustrated in the map. _____
2. Color the map as follows: Blue-water, Red-fire station, Orange-museums, Yellow-stadium, Green-parks, Pink-city hall, Purple-hospital, Brown-cemetery.
3. Draw a green "X" at the intersection of C Street and 6th Avenue. Draw a black "X" where River Street meets State Bridge. Draw a blue "X" at the address 650 A St.
4. In red, draw a short street route from the library to city hall.
5. Which bridge is closest to the Art Museum? _____
6. Which is farther north, River Park or City Park? _____
7. How far (in miles) is it from the bus station to the hospital? _____
8. If you cross Denny Bridge going north, turn right at River St., turn left at Grove Ave., turn right at Oak St. and walk half a block, what building do you see on your right? _____
9. What park is located in A2? _____
10. When you look north, you see the river. When you look east, you see the High School. Where are you?



EnviroKids' Club

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**See inside for
Activity Details!**

Members can earn 5 points
by completing each special
EnviroKids' activity that is
marked with a gold star!

EnviroKids'... caring for the Earth

EnviroKids' Club provides its 200+ members with information and activities to explore aspects of the environment: air, water, weather, garbage and recycling, plants and animals. The Club is open to all Spokane County residents who are in grades K-6.

Club members receive a newsletter in the mail four times a year. The newsletter contains activities to complete and ideas for activities at home or in the community. Members who are interested can complete activities and/or participate in some of the events to earn points. Earned points can then be used to trade-in for prizes. **Members need to participate in at least one activity per calendar year to receive newsletters.** For more information, visit www.spokaneenvirokids.org.

To earn points, mail your completed activities by October 31, 2014 to:

EnviroKids' Club c/o National Weather Service
2601 N. Rambo Rd. Spokane, WA 99224

Fill in this form with the activities page complete and send it back to us to earn your points! Do you have a friend or sibling who would like to join EnviroKids' Club? Copy this page for them to send in and be added to our mailing list.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone: _____

My child has permission to participate in EnviroKids' Club activities that I accompany him/her to and permission is granted to use his/her photo that may be taken at such event, for promoting the Club (newsletter, flyers, ads, website, etc.)

Parent Signature. Please print name, then sign and date

EnviroKids' Club Partners: City of Spokane Water Quality, National Weather Service, Spokane Aquifer Joint Board, Spokane Conservation District, Spokane County Water Resources, Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, and Spokane Regional Solid Waste System.

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