



NORTHWEST NATIVE CANOE CENTER

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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The Northwest Native Canoe Center—knit within Seattle’s new Lake Union Park—will celebrate the canoe culture that is dominant among the Pacific Northwest coastal tribes.

The design by Jones & Jones juxtaposes contemporary materials with traditional structure and form, and hints at the rhythm of traditional Native American longhouses. Modern curtain wall glazing systems will stand in stark contrast to adzed cedar planks and log beams. Sloped living roofs, covered in native camas flowers, will help blend the structure into the landscape. A sandy beach will link the land to the water.

The Center emphasizes the importance of Native American culture as a precursor and modern participant in Seattle’s history, and will also help connect urban Indians to the land and the water.

FACTS

Public venue for the launch, display, and use of Northwest canoes

Welcome Canoe House and Carving House

Large, multi-use space with interactive displays

Activities including salmon bakes, canoe rides, and carving demonstrations

BENEFITS

Unifies and connects urban Indians to the land and the water

Blends public education and recreation

Easily accessible to the public

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