

## **Lyle .**

Latitude 45.696 and longitude -121.286

Elevation: 203

Lyle appears on the Lyle U.S. Geological Survey Map.

Area Code: 509

Zip Code: 98635

Population: 530

Lyle is situated at the convergence of the Klickitat and Columbia rivers. Its advantageous location made it an important railroad outlet for the county as a port on the Columbia River. After construction of the Cascade Locks in 1896, it was the first port that could ship to Portland, Oregon, without encountering falls.

The town's current boat launch was the landing for a ferry that crossed to Rowena until the 1960's.

Originally known as Klickitat Landing, the name was changed to Lyle in 1882.

Once the Columbia River & Northern Railroad linking Lyle with Goldendale was completed in 1903, most goods moving in or out of the Klickitat Valley came through Lyle. Machinery, supplies, and passengers were transported to Goldendale. Sheep, hogs, cattle, and wheat were brought back to Lyle. From Lyle, goods were sent down river by boat. At one time the town boasted two banks, several businesses and shops, a post office, and even a jail. The old downtown was located near the river but it burned down, and the vacant land sold off.

Today's downtown area has one convenience grocery store, two churches, a tavern, a restaurant, a gas station and vehicle repair shop, an excellent espresso stand, and the Lyle Hotel, (originally established in 1905.)