

Husum .

Latitude 45.799 and longitude -121.487.

Elevation is 413 feet.

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

Area code: 509

Zip Code: 98623

Population: 413 - Shared with Husum

Husum & BZ Corner are located in the heart of the rich orchard lands of the White Salmon River Valley. The towns are hubs for roads to and from Trout Lake, Glenwood, Laurel, Gilmer, Underwood, and White Salmon.

The White Salmon River carves its way from Mount Adams through basalt cliffs to the Columbia River and can be accessed for whitewater rafting from both BZ Corner and Husum. It offers a wild ride, best enjoyed in the company of an experienced, professional river guide. The run from BZ Corner to Northwestern Lake takes 2 to 3 hours depending on the water level. Conditions may surprise even experienced river enthusiasts.

Class I, II, and III rapids are continuous. There are occasional Class IV stretches. This stretch includes Husum Falls, a 20-foot high drop, which all but the most experienced adventurer portage around. The river drops 45 to 50 feet per mile at the upper end. Canyon walls constrict and accelerate flows. Rapids are often closely spaced, giving little time to recover from one and prepare for the next. A boating trip through the shaded canyon of the glacially fed White Salmon is typically wet, cold, and not soon forgotten.

For those in search of less wet adventures can take advantage of the Mt Adams Wilderness and Gifford Pinchot National Forest recreation areas where hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling are popular activities. There are also abundant rock-climbing opportunities in the area.

BZ Corner . Latitude 45.85 and longitude -121.509

Elevation is 650 feet

B Z Corner appears on the Northwestern Lake U.S. Geological Survey Map.

Area Code: 509

Zip Code: 98672

Population: 413 - Shared with Husum

The area that became BZ Corner was a wilderness of heavy virgin timber until William Biesanz of White Salmon settled here. Mr. Biesanz "blazed the trail" for the present B.Z. Corner in the early 1930s. People traveling that way those days did not envy his job of clearing the land of the big stumps and brush. So it was, that soon afterwards the people referred to that section as B.Z. Corners, nicknamed after Mr. Biesanz.

B.Z. Corner grew slowly at first but with the erection of the Jaymar sawmill. Families came in, found work there, built homes and cleared the timber. Logging, as well as the big 400 acre pear orchard of the Mt. Adams Orchards Co. also provided jobs for the people of B.Z. Corner. The second place of business to be built at B.Z. Corners was the confectionery and beer parlors of Earl Verley, who a year or so later erected "The Logs," the county's finest dance hall in the mid-1930s.