

Forest Service employees who died in the 1910 fire. It is a fitting tribute. As you amble through the arboretum, note that trees from all over grow together in this living memorial. Look for Subalpine Fir, Grand Fir, Ponderosa Pine and White Pine peacefully co-existing with Colorado Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Quaking Aspen and Western Larch. Savenac's arboretum is one of the few places you'll see such a unique combination of trees.



## 10. WATCHING THE WEATHER

After walking through the arboretum, look for the weather station at the south entrance. Weather has always played a critical role in managing the nation's public lands, and Savenac is no exception. As early as 1912, nursery personnel began working with the U.S. Weather Bureau as a cooperative weather observer. By 1919, a full-scale Forest Service weather station was established, complete with a Cotton Region style box to [monitor temperature], an anemometer to measure the wind, and a rain gauge. In 1962, Savenac was recognized by the U.S. Weather Bureau for fifty years



of service monitoring the weather. Look for the award once you're inside the Administration Building.

## 11. REMEMBERING THE BIG BURN

From this spot, you can see some of the 78 spruce trees which were planted in the arboretum for the 78 Forest Service employees killed in the fire of 1910. Follow the trail down to the bottom of the hill to see the 1910 Big Burn Memorial Rock, which was dug from the middle of Silver Creek and moved to the site in 1941. The rock was so heavy it began to sink in its new home, so it was raised with hand jacks and concrete was poured to make a base. Because of the outbreak of World War II, the dedication of Memorial Rock was delayed until 1996.

*The Big Burn of 1910 destroyed millions of acres of timber as well as the Savenac Nursery and adjacent towns.*



## TODAY AT SAVENAC...

Savenac's nursery operation came to a halt in 1969 when its duties were transferred to the nursery in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Since then, the U.S. Forest Service has maintained Savenac as an administration facility where it hosts educational and environmental programs for children and young adults. It is also available to the public through the Cabin Rental Program. In addition, Savenac serves as an interpretive center, where the public can experience some of the history of the region and better understand the continuing role the Forest Service has played in the American West.

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