



EARTH SANCTUARY®

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LOCATION: Near Freeland, Washington, on the south end of Whidbey Island
37 miles north of Seattle (1 ¾ hours by car and ferry)

PROPERTY SIZE: 72 acres

DESCRIPTION: Earth Sanctuary is a nature reserve and meditation parkland that combines ecology, art and spirit to create a unique place for personal renewal and peaceful contemplation. The 72-acre landscape including a unique peat bog fen complex, streams and two waterfowl ponds. Due to their importance as waterfowl habitat, the ponds and bog fen complex have been designated as a “habitat of local importance” by the Whidbey Audubon Society and Island County Critical Areas program. See <http://www.EarthSanctuary.org>

FOUNDED: 2000

FOUNDER/OWNER: Chuck Pettis (Medina, WA), phone: (425) 637-8777, cpettis@earthsanctuary.org, fax: (425) 637-8778
Visionary, designer, author, monument-builder.
Author of *Secrets of Sacred Space: Discover and Create Places of Power* (Llewellyn, 2000).

ECOLOGICAL GOAL: To maximize the diversity of birds and wildlife by increasing the diversity of vegetation habitats and restoring the integrity, beauty, and diversity of the old growth forest, wetlands, streams and aquatic ecosystems.

SPIRITUAL GOAL: “I don’t know anyone who meditates or prays too much. I’ve tried to create an environment that motivates and facilitates spiritual practice.”
--Chuck Pettis

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MASTER PLAN: A 500-year plan has been developed to restore the landscape's old growth forest, wetlands, and streams and thus provide the optimal habitat for the greatest possible diversity of bird and animal species native to South Whidbey Island.

PLANTINGS: Over 9,000 plants have been planted in the first phase of restoration. They are drawn from over 80 native species.

DAY VISITORS: Earth Sanctuary is open 365 days/year during daylight hours. No reservations are required. \$7/visitor fee.

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HOUSE FOR SPIRITUAL
RETREAT:** The 72-acre Sanctuary may also be accessed by individuals wishing to conduct an extended meditation retreat at Earth Sanctuary Retreat House (a fully equipped single-family dwelling), or by small groups holding non-residential day retreats.

MEGALITHS: (Greek for "great stone") Structures built in Neolithic Europe—the first being built over 6,000 years ago.

**MEGALITHIC ARTWORKS
BUILT TO DATE:** February 2002 – Labyrinth
March 2002 – Fen Stone Circle
March 2002 – Dolmen
January 2003 – Cottonwood Stone Circle
September 2004 – Medicine Wheel

LABYRINTH: Located on a small peninsula that extends into the central pond. Its path is constructed of Pennsylvania Bluestone and its alleys of Salal hedge. The labyrinth's simple three-circuit plan is drawn from the most ancient of labyrinth designs, thought to date from around 2500 B.C.E. The labyrinth is available for walking meditation, as a metaphor for life's journey.

FEN STONE CIRCLE: This stone circle measures 16 feet in diameter. It is made of eight standing stones up to seven feet high. The thin shale-dense Llenroc (Cornell spelled backwards) stones range in weight from 600 to 1,000 pounds each, and come from the Finger Lakes Stone Quarry in Ithaca, New York.

DOLMEN: A huge table-shaped stone structure topped with two large horizontal cap stones. Built of 20 tons of Autumn Leaf hard sandstone from Montana. To Mr. Pettis' knowledge this dolmen, based on ancient prototypes, is the first to be constructed in the United States in modern times.

COTTONWOOD STONE CIRCLE: This impressive stone circle measures 40 feet in diameter. It is made of 12 standing stones up to 11-feet in height. Four Columbia River basalt columns were sawed into thirds and then flame finished prior to installation. A ring of Cottonwood trees have been planted around the stone circle that when mature will hopefully attract great blue herons to build a rookery in its branches.

MEGALITHIC ARTWORKS PLANNED: "Stonehenge" artwork, stone landscaping around the parking area and along Newman Road, additional stone landscaping around the Cottonwood Stone Circle, and a Chambered Earth Mound with special acoustical properties.

BURIED CRYSTALS & MINERALS To amplify the power present in his structures, Pettis used hundreds of pounds of minerals and crystals (e.g., Black tourmaline, Herkimer diamonds, marble, Arkansas clear quartz, Rose quartz, Turtleback stones) under the stone monuments. They were selected for their energetic attributes by crystals expert Collen Marquist. These transmitter minerals and crystals are "programmed" with the qualities of compassion and kindness to support and augment Earth Sanctuary's sacred spaces.

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