

COLUMBIA RIVER NEAR SHERIDAN POINT

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A place that looms large in local history as well as on the sightseers' horizon is Sheridan Point, on the Columbia River between Portland and The Dalles.

This point is so called because it is the scene of a skirmish between a body of Federal troops under General Phil Sheridan and a band of hostile Indians. Sheridan distinguished himself in this engagement and the rocky promontory which projects far out into the river was named in his honor.

The river is very narrow at this point, the sides are steep and rocky and the water is swift. Sheridan Point is one of a series of rocky projections which confine the river to a narrow channel, forming the rapids of the Cascades. The Cascade Locks have been built around this point as an aid to navigation.

