

Washington State Flag

Evergreen State • Capital: Olympia • Statehood: 1889

Overview

Unique among state flags: a green field with the state seal at centre, bearing a portrait of George Washington himself. Simple, direct, and entirely unmistakable.

Flag specifications

Adopted: 1923-03-05
Designer: Legislative adoption
Ratio: 2:3
Green field with the state seal featuring George Washington at the center.

Colors

   
#006341 #FFD700 #000000 #FFFFFF

Symbolism

green field	Represents the state's evergreen forests.
George Washington seal	Honors the nation's first president and the state's namesake.

Historical timeline

- 1889: Washington admitted to the Union.
- 1923: Current flag design officially adopted.

Notable facts

- Only state flag with a green field.
- Only state flag with a U.S. president's image.
- The flag features George Washington, the nation's first president.
- The design is based on the state seal.
- The green field represents Washington's forests and natural landscape.
- Gold trim is commonly used on ceremonial versions of the flag.
- The portrait on the seal is based on a Gilbert Stuart painting.
- The current flag design was officially adopted in 1923.

Seal deep dive

stateSeal

The Washington state seal centered on a dark green field.
Meaning: Honor to the first U.S. president and the state's namesake

washingtonPortrait

A front-facing portrait of George Washington, after Gilbert Stuart's painting.
Meaning: Leadership, independence, and national founding principles

colorField

Solid dark green background.
Meaning: Evergreen forests, natural resources, and Washington's nickname as the Evergreen State

Vexillology notes

Design type: State seal on colored field
Complexity: 7/10
Readability: 5/10

