

variegated patterns of an alpine meadow. A trip to **Wenatchee** will be one not to forget.

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**WINTHROP**

The rustic "Old West" town of **Winthrop**, located in the sunny Methow Valley, is a historian's delight. For 9,000 years, American Indians lived and camped along the banks of the Methow, Twisp and Chewuch Rivers. Once settlers moved in, cattle drives, medicine shows and pack trains became the way of life in the valley.

One can now step back in time with a stroll of downtown **Winthrop** with its wooden sidewalks, hitching posts and Shafer Museum. Winthrop's history is rich and is reflected in the restoration of several of the original town buildings. The original Duck Brand Saloon (now the town hall) was built in 1891.

Waring's Methow Trading Company, named for Guy Waring who settled here in 1891, operated for 49 years beginning in 1897. Owen Wister, Waring's Harvard roommate, wrote Amer-

ica's first western novel "*The Virginian*", after honeymooning in **Winthrop**.

Almost completely surrounded by National Forest, State Game Range and Wilderness areas, **Winthrop** and the upper Methow Valley beckons adventurers of all kinds.

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Winter time finds **Winthrop** blanketed in snow and winter sports abound. The upper Methow Valley is reported to have the second largest cross-country ski trail system in the country. Downhill and heli skiing, snowmobiling and ice skating are available as well. You're sure to be enticed by **Winthrop's** many shops, fine restaurants, museums, galleries,



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