

Mount St. Helens was a beautiful volcano when it slept. There were trees, flowers, people, lakes and lots of wildlife. It was one of the most beautiful volcanoes.



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- ▶ Mount St. Helens was a beautiful volcano before it erupted it had trees, flowers, green grass, wildlife and people surrounding it. Scientists said that Mount St. Helen will erupt some day. Even though they tried to persuade people not to go to Mount St. Helens people still go visit.

The Great Eruption

- ▶ One beautiful day in Mount St. Helens the birds were chirping and lots of wild life was there. It was May 18 1980 and then it happened Mount St Helens erupted at 8:32 pronto. It was followed by a 5.1 earthquake. Normally Mount Saint Helens was 9,677 feet that huge but because of the eruption it dropped 1,319 feet and now it's 8,363 feet! Wow! The Lateral blast swept out the north side of Mount St. Helens at the speed of 300 miles per hour that's 4 times faster than a car! The temperatures were about 660°F during the eruption. The massive ash grew up to 80,000 feet in 15 minutes. That's 18 kilometers every 15 minutes!

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- ▶ The eruption of Mount St. Helens destroyed 27 bridges, about 200 homes, 185 miles of roadway and estimated about 15 miles of railway! That's huge destruction! The lava killed trees in seconds and killed 1,000,000 animals.: (57 people died including the stubborn Harry Truman. 500 big animals died too.

Victims of the Mount St. Helens eruption

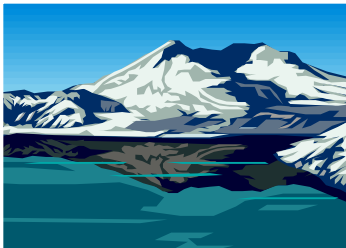
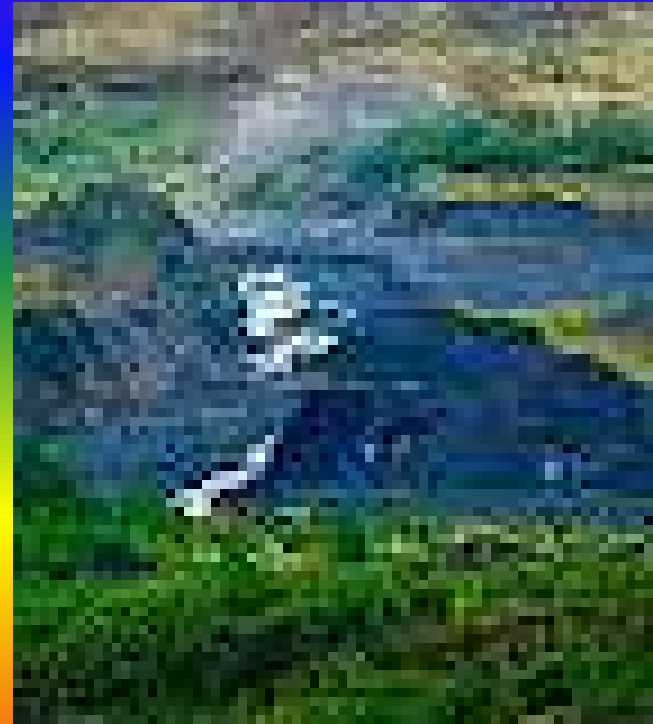
Reid Turner Blackburn

- ▶ Vancouver, WA
Reid, age 27 (b. August 1952), was a photographer for *The Columbian* newspaper who was donating his time to the U.S. Geological Survey and *National Geographic* magazine at the time of the eruption. He was camped at Coldwater I, seven miles from the mountain. Terry A. Crall Kelso

After the eruption

- ▶ After the eruption Mount St. Helens is beautiful again. With green grass and lots of trees. It had lots of wildlife and beautiful sights of nature. It now had a lot of people visiting Mount St. Helens again. People love it for its plants, nature, beauty, and wildlife.

Pictures before the eruption



Pictures during the eruption

