

# Ice Age Floods

## State-wide Interpretive Master Plan

### Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, Olympia, WA

**Site:** The Ice Age Floods, a series of cataclysmic floods that occurred more than 12,000 years ago, resulted in a dramatic and unique landscape for Washington State. Numerous State Parks, along the flood route and region, show significant geological features offering exceptional opportunities to an overlooked and misunderstood story. With greater public interest in this story in the Pacific Northwest, Washington State Parks play a key role in helping to tell the story.

**Issue:** The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission (WSPRC) has identified unveiling the mystery of the Ice Age Floods as a component of its Centennial 2013 Plan, an initiative to prepare the park system for its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and a second century of service to citizens.

**Solution:** WSPRC wanted to develop a comprehensive state-wide Ice Age Floods Interpretive Plan that addressed a range of opportunities from specific State Park interpretive elements to state-wide materials.



**Role:** As Associate Interpretive Planner, Cascade Interpretive Consulting LLC (CIC) provided support for the interpretive planning process including public meetings and background research. CIC also helped to identify the conceptual network, interpretive strategies and design concepts in addition to editing and reviewing draft and final plans.

