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The mighty Mount Rainier is the world's 21st most prominent mountain and the highest in the lower 48 states. Considered an active volcano, Mount Rainier's last eruption was in 1894, but its many small, high-frequency earthquakes occur as often as five times a day. The surrounding volcanic soil is so fertile that wildflower meadows ring the icy volcano's 25 glaciers and lush ancient forests cloak the lower slopes. With a rich ecosystem that supports abundant wildlife, a world of discovery awaits each outdoor adventurer, young and old. And never mind those rumbling sensations; they are probably just the tingling heartbeats of excitement as you embrace your wild side.

1. Mount Rainier has an elevation of 14, 410 feet.
2. If you want to hike up to the summit, plan for a two or three day trip.
3. Standing on the summit, one can see other mountain peaks all the way into Oregon and northern California, including Mount St. Helens, Mount Adams, Mount Baker, Glacier Peak, and Mount Hood.
4. The volcanic mountain was established on March 2, 1899.
5. Originally, the volcano was called Tacoma, Talol, Tahoma, Tacobeh, and Poosakus by the Native Americans before it got its name Mt. Rainier.
6. The mountain was honorably named after George's friend Rear Admiral Peter Rainier.
7. Beautiful wild flower bloom every year throughout Mt. Rainier, but only for a few short weeks in the summer.
8. Mount Rainier Visitors Center.
9. Black Bears are the smallest, yet most common bear found in America.
10. 1937 Kenworth touring motor coach.
11. Bald Eagles will mate for life.
12. Myrtle Falls is one of the most photographed areas in the park and was named after a woman in 1907.
13. Mountain lion, also known as Cougars, can jump upward 18 feet from a sitting position and 40 feet horizontally.
14. Yellow Pine Chipmunk are the more common kind of chipmunk found in the park.
15. Steller Jay's have a sac in their throat that acts as food storage for digestion as they fly away.
16. White-tailed Deer can travel almost 30 feet in one leap.
17. Northern Spotted owls are one of the few owls to have dark colored eyes instead of yellow or orange eyes.
18. An Eastern Screech-Owl's ears are lopsided giving them exceptional depth perception to locate prey even without their eyes.
19. Mt. Rainier is located southeast of Seattle, Washington.