

Project: Wild Horse Wind Farm field trip

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What's a wind farm look like? Eleven members of University Unitarian found out when we visited Puget Sound Energy's Wild Horse Wind Facility on April 19, 2008 on a Green Sanctuary-sponsored field trip. We joined with University Congregational to visit the wind and solar installation located between Ellensburg and Vantage. One of University Congregational's members, Roger Garratt, is on the PSE team developing alternative energy sources and gave us a tour and informative presentation. Yes, those towers really are that tall -- about 20 stories! As added bonuses, Ellie Norheim catered lunch (with non-disposable plates and local food) and Linda Chalker-Scott arranged for expert botanist Don Knoke to join us to help identify Eastern Washington wildflowers. The site features a LEED-award-winning visitors' center with striking views of the Kittitas Valley and Mt. Rainier, and is open to the public from April to October.

