



Project Data Sheet

Connell, Washington



Title Coyote Garden

Location Coyote Ridge Correction Facility, Connell, Washington

Description Using the character image of the “Coyote” from Native American mythology, this garden and landscape restoration creates a juxtaposition between the original bunchgrass ecology of the Channel Scablands and its transformation into an agricultural landscape. This desert garden uses a range of local landscape materials and native plants to generate a statement about the role of “Coyote the Trickster” in defining the largely forgotten myth and the character of its landscape. Inmates built the garden under the direction of Cliff Garten and the Coyote Ridge Corrections staff.

Date 1996

Medium Redwood, granite, basalt, concrete, kwanzan cherry trees

Dimensions 900’L x 100’W

Commissioned by Art in Public Places, Washington State Arts Commission

Construction and Fabrication Coyote Ridge Corrections Facility, State of Washington Department of Corrections under the direction of Cliff Garten Studio