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All people of Japanese ancestry living in the West Coast states of California, Oregon, Washington, and a small sliver of Arizona, were rounded up and incarcerated during WWII, so this story is relevant to just about every public radio market in that region. Most Japanese Americans spent the summer of 1942 in one of 15 so-called assembly centers, hastily erected prison camps built on nearby fairgrounds and racetracks.

Many people living near those fairgrounds and racetracks today have no idea that these places housed Japanese American prisoners during WWII.

Assembly centers were in or near the following cities and towns:

California:

- Fresno
- Stockton
- Sacramento
- San Francisco
- Merced
- Pomona (outside LA)
- Salinas (near San Jose)
- Los Angeles
- Tulare (in San Juaquin valley, held people from San Diego)
- Eastern Sierras
- Central CA

Washington:

- Seattle/Takoma/Bainbridge Island (Puyallup Fairgrounds)

Oregon:

- Portland (held people from northeast Oregon and central Washington)

Arizona:

- Maricopa County

The 10 permanent incarceration camps were located in or near:

- Cody/Powell, WY (Heart Mountain)
- Central Utah (Topaz)
- Phoenix, AZ (Gila River)
- Colorado River, AZ (Poston)
- Granada, CO (Amache)
- Hunt, ID (Minidoka)
- Eastern Sierras in CA (Manzanar)
- McGeeHee & Denson, Arkansas (Jerome and Rohwer camps - roughly 120 miles from Little Rock)

The Department of Justice created separate detention camps for Japanese Americans suspected of being spies or saboteurs. Camp locations:

- Crystal City, TX
- Bismarck, ND
- Santa Fe, NM
- Missoula, MT
- Comanche County, OK (near Oklahoma City)

Primary cities where Japanese Americans relocated when they got out of camp:

- Chicago, IL
- Twin Cities
- Cincinnati
- New York
- Seabrook Farms, NJ

Other locations connected to this story:

- Hawai'i (site of Pearl Harbor attack; territory from which many Japanese American men volunteered to serve during WWII – mainly in the 100th Battalion; location of several small camps that held the relatively small number of Hawaiians incarcerated during the war)
- Puget Sound, WA (site of McNeil Island Penitentiary, where Japanese American draft resistors were imprisoned)
- Fort Snelling (Minneapolis, MN, where Japanese interpreters were trained to interrogate prisoners and translate Japanese military communications)