

Cascade Locks Hiking Trails

Possibly the greatest concentration of high waterfalls in North America appears on the south walls of the Columbia River Gorge. Scores of waterfalls, eleven over 100 feet high, plummet within view of the Gorge traveler.



THIS MAP AND TRAIL INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON FOR NAVIGATION PURPOSES. HIKERS SHOULD SEEK TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS, MAPS, AND CURRENT CONDITIONS FROM THE USFS. NW Forest Passes can be purchased at Columbia Market, Cascade Locks – 541.374.8425 or from Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area/Forest Service – 541.308.1700

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A BRIDGE OF THE GODS Level: Easy
Hike or bike the Bridge of the Gods: Toll free. Cross the famous Pacific Crest Trail foot passage for the 2,650 mile trail. Powerful gorge scenery offers great photo opportunities.

1 PACIFIC CREST TRAIL 2000 Level: Moderate to Difficult
A 2,650 mile challenge, the Pacific Crest Trail stretches from Canada to Mexico, passes through Cascade Locks and crosses into Washington over the Bridge of the Gods. The PCT offers the greatest elevation and ecosystem changes in the USA. The trail is easy to access and stunningly wild. It is the hiking gem of the West.

More information, visit pcta.org.

2 PACIFIC CREST TRAIL 2000 Cascade Locks to Dry Creek Falls 4.4 Miles – Level: Moderate
Highlights: Foot bridge at 2 miles from trailhead crosses creek, and makes a good picnic spot. Ends at 60 foot high Dry Creek Falls. This trail gently climbs through vine maple and scattered fir to dense stands of old-growth. Passes through the rugged canyons of Eagle and Herman Creeks and continues into the Hatfield Wilderness.

Directions: Loop up to the Bridge of the Gods, parking in rest area, cross the street to enter the trail, continue on Pacific Crest Trail, join Dry Creek Trail.

3 RUCKEL CREEK TRAIL 405 9.8 Miles – Level: Difficult
Highlights: Long tough climb into some of the wildest areas of country surrounding the Columbia River Gorge. Hike through spectacular wildflower meadows, to the edge of the 4,000 foot high Benson Plateau.
Directions: Traveling East, exit 41 to Eagle Creek Recreation Area, turn right at stop sign, follow road to Eagle Creek picnic area, walk North from the parking area, join Gorge Trail 400, continue on to Ruckel Creek Trail.

4 GORGE TRAIL 400, Bridge of the Gods to Eagle Creek 4.4 Miles – Level: Easy
Highlights: Easy hike that follows along I-84 and the Columbia River. A great day trail for a family outing. Note: May continue onto Eagle Creek 440, one of the most popular hikes in the Gorge.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS OR DIAL 9-1-1
Cascade Locks, OR
Fire: 541.374.8510
Police: 541.386.2711
Stevenson, WA
Fire: 509.427.5552
Police: 509.427.9490

PUBLIC SAFETY NOTE: The possibility of landslide and flood risk are a safety concern. More information about the fire closure and post-fire response can be found on the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area website at www.fs.usda.gov/crgnsa.

Highlights include, Punch Bowl Falls where water spills 25 feet into a blue-green pool, High Bridge which traverses 150 feet above the creek, and Tunnel Falls where the trail passes in a tunnel under a tower of falling water. Parts of the trail is carved into basalt cliffs and may not be suitable for children.

Directions: Exit 44 off I-84, parking near The Bridgeside in Cascade Locks.

5 HERMAN CREEK TRAIL 406 8.4 Miles – Level: Moderate
Highlights: Herman Creek Trail contains the largest surviving forest of old growth Douglas fir, cedar, and hemlock in the Columbia River Gorge.

Directions: From Bridge of the Gods, continue on WaNaPa St. heading east, pass under highway, at stop sign go straight, follow next to I-84 to Herman Creek Campground, continue on to Herman Creek Trail.

6 GORTON CREEK TRAIL 408 9.1 Miles – Level: Difficult
Highlights: Leading to an amazing 115 foot secluded waterfall, as well as a very photogenic creek scene below, this hike passes several small cascades and comes to a beautiful ten foot slide named Emerald Falls. This is a great place for hikers with kids to turn around. The trail comes to the spectacular, two-tiered Gorton Creek Falls.

Directions: From Bridge of the Gods, continue on WaNaPa St. heading east, pass under highway, at stop sign go straight, follow next to I-84 to Herman Creek Campground, follow Herman Creek Trail which joins Gorton Creek Trail.

7 WYETH TRAIL 411 7.3 Miles – Level: Moderate
Highlights: Combines spectacular viewpoints and wildflower meadows mixed with dense stands of Douglas fir, silver fir, and mountain hemlock.

Directions: Traveling East on I-84, exit 51 at Wyeth, right at stop sign, follow to Wyeth Campground, continue to Wyeth Trail.

8 OXBOW FISH HATCHERY 7.3 Miles – Level: Moderate
Directions: From Bridge of the Gods, continue on WaNaPa St. heading east, pass under highway, at stop sign go straight, follow next to I-84.



Cascade Locks

THE HEART OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE



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MAPS INSIDE

DRY-CREEK FALLS



The Chinook salmon is also known as the "King Salmon" for its large size and flavorful meat. Average size is 36 inches long and 30 pounds. Record sizes have reached 58 inches in length and up to 129 pounds.

More white sturgeon live in the Columbia River than any river in the world. Sizes range from 15 inches to 19 feet in length and can weigh up to 1,000 pounds.

Cascade Locks was a vital stopping point on the Oregon Trail, for portage of the treacherous Cascades. The Lewis & Clark Expedition passed through April 13, 1806. Read more at www.cascadelocks.com

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL
 Cascade Locks is the only incorporated city situated on the 2,650 mile Pacific Crest Trail. Cascade Locks is also the lowest elevation point on the PCT as it drops into the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and crosses the spectacular Bridge of the Gods. For more information visit www.pcta.org

Bridge of the Gods

BRIDGING THE PAST AND THE FUTURE

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Bridge of the Gods
- 2 Lewis & Clark Mural
- 3 Native Fishing Platforms
- 4 Pacific Crest Trail Trailhead
- 5 Overlook Park
- 6 Historical Museum
- 7 Oregon Pony Locomotive
- 8 Public Boat Launch
- 9 Thunder Island
- 10 Historic Locks & Canal
- 11 Sternwheeler Playground
- 12 Sacagawea Monument Circle
- 13 Cougar Bronze Art
- 14 Marina
- 15 Sternwheeler Dock
- 16 Herman Creek Hatchery
- 17 Birdwatching Site
- 18 Oxbow Fish Hatchery
- 19 EV Charging Station
- 20 Cascade Locks PCT Monument

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST

- Train Appreciation Park
- EASY Climb Trail
- Locks Approach Disc Golf Course
- Quilt Block Trail
- Historic Columbia River Highway
- Bonneville Dam

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- 21 Bridgeside – 541.374.8477 – 745 NW WaNaPa St. – bridgesidedining.com
- 22 Brigham Fish Market – 541.374.9340 – 681 WaNaPa St. – brighamfish.com
- 23 Thunder Island Brewing – 971.231.4599 – 601 WaNaPa St. – thunderislandbrewing.com
- 24 Thirsty Cafe – 541.436.3830 – 504 WaNaPa St. – thirstycafe.com
- 25 Cascade Locks Ale House – 541.374.9310 – 500 WaNaPa St. – cascadelocksalehouse.com
- 26 Columbia Market – 541.374.8425 – 450 WaNaPa St.
- 27 East Wind Drive-In – 541.374.8380 – 395 WaNaPa St.
- 28 Gorges Beer Co. – 541.262.2021 – 390 WaNaPa St. – gorgesbeer.com
- 29 Locks Waterfront Grill – 541.645.0372 – 299 Portage Rd. – locksgrill.com – *Winter/summer hours
- 30 Son of Man Cidery – 160 NE Herman Creek Ln. – sonofman.co

LODGING

- 31 Best Western Plus, Columbia River Inn – 541.374.8777 – 735 WaNaPa St. – bestwestern.com
- 32 Bridge of the Gods Motel & RV Park – 541.374.8628 – 630 WaNaPa St. – bridgeofgodsmotel.com
- 33 Columbia Gorge Inn – 541.374.0015 – 404 WaNaPa St. – columbiagorgemotel.com
- 34 Marine Park Campground – 541.374.8619 – 427 Portage Rd. – portofcascadelocks.org
- 35 Cascade Motel – 541.374.8750 – 300 NW Forest Ln. – cascademotel.com
- 36 KOA – 541.374.8668 – 841 SE Forest Lane – koa.com – *Open March to October

SHOPPING, AMENITIES & SERVICES

- 37 Port Office – 541.374.8619 – 427 Portage Rd. – portofcascadelocks.org
 - 38 Marine Park Pavilion – 395 Portage Rd. – portofcascadelocks.org – *Inquire to rent space
 - 39 Columbia Gorge Racing Association Office – cgra.org
 - 40 Heart of the Gorge Sailing – 941.400.0050 – Marine Park – heartofthegorgesailing.com
 - 41 Gorge FlyBoard – 541.399.7599 – Marine Park – gorgeflyboard.com
 - 42 Always Catchin' – 541.375.0717 – alwayscatchin.com
 - 43 Windermere Real Estate – 541.374.0031 – 651 WaNaPa St. – windermere.com
 - 44 Post Office – 541.374.5026 – 461 WaNaPa St. – usps.com
 - 45 Chevron Gas Station – 541.374.8449 – 437 WaNaPa St.
 - 46 Shell Gas Station – 541.374.8780 – 425 WaNaPa St.
 - 47 Grain Integrative Health – 541.436.3711 – 114 NE Herman Creek Ln. – grainintegrativehealth.com
 - CAT – 541.386.4202 – ridecatbus.org / CGE – 888.246.6420 – columbiagorgeexpress.com
- *Bus stops located on both sides of WaNaPa St.

Science ...

The Bridge of the Gods, at 1,858 feet long, 35 feet wide and rising 135 feet above the Columbia River, is a beautiful contrast to the powerful scenery of the Gorge. Built by Wauna Toll Bridge Company in 1926, the Bridge of the Gods is the third oldest bridge on the Columbia River. The cantilevered bridge was purchased in 1961 and is still operated and maintained, by the Port of Cascade Locks, connecting traffic and commerce between Washington and Oregon. The Bridge of the Gods is also the Columbia River crossing for hikers and equestrians on the Pacific Crest Trail.

Scientists believe about 1,000 years ago a giant landslide from the north shore of the Columbia River blocked the Gorge and stopped the rivers' flow. This natural dam created an inland sea into Idaho. Water eroded the dam and created a natural stone bridge. Eventually, this bridge fell, creating the Cascade rapids.

... and Legend

Native American legend also speaks of the creation and destruction of this natural bridge. Manito, the Great Spirit, built a stone bridge for The People that had great trouble crossing this river. Manito placed Loo-Wit, an old wise woman, as its guardian. Over time, The People began to fear that the bridge would wash away, and they appealed to the Great Spirit. Manito agreed to protect the bridge, and the People gave it a new name "The Bridge of the Gods".

At about the same time, Manito sent to earth his sons – three great snow mountains; Multnomah, the warrior (Mt. Rainier), Klickitat, the totem-maker (Mt. Adams), and Wyeast, the singer (Mt. Hood). All was peaceful until beautiful Squaw Mountain moved into a valley between Klickitat and Wyeast. Squaw Mountain grew to love Wyeast but thought it great fun to flirt with Klickitat. A rivalry sprang up between the two brothers over Squaw Mountain, they argued, spat ashes and belched black smoke. Each hurled rocks, setting fire to the forests and driving the people into hiding. They threw so many stones onto the Bridge of the Gods and shook the earth so hard that the stone bridge broke and fell into the river. Upon hearing this, Manito was angry and in punishment he caused a series of huge rapids to form in the river.

Meanwhile, Klickitat won the fight over Squaw Mountain and Wyeast admitted defeat. Even though Squaw Mountain loved Wyeast, she took her place by the side of Klickitat. Her heart broken, she sank into a deep sleep; known today as Sleeping Beauty, she lies just west of Mt. Adams. When this happened, Klickitat had a high, straight head, like Wyeast. But Klickitat truly loved Squaw Mountain, and her fate caused him such grief that he dropped his head in shame.

During the war, Loo-Wit tried to stop the fight but failed and fell in with the bridge. The Great Spirit heard of her faithfulness and decided to grant her a wish. She asked to be made young and beautiful once more, but did not desire companionship. The Great Spirit granted Loo-Wit her wish, turning her into the most beautiful of all the mountains and allowed her to settle by herself far to the west. She is now known as the youngest mountain in the Cascades, Mt. St. Helens.

