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oregonstateparks.org

Oregon Department of Transportation

historichighway.org

Columbia River Gorge Visitors Association

crgva.org

Troutdale Historical Society and Barn Exhibit Hall

732 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Troutdale, OR 97060
503-661-2164 | troutdalehistory.org

Friends of Vista House

503-695-2230 | vistahouse.com

Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway

hcrh.org

Friends of the Columbia Gorge

gorgefriends.org

Travel Oregon

traveloregon.com

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum

5000 Discovery Drive | The Dalles, OR 97058
541-296-8600 | gorgediscovery.org

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

USDA Forest Service | Hood River, Oregon
541-308-1700 | fs.usda.gov/crgnsa




Columbia River Gorge

Visitor Guide



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Call 1-800-551-6949. Oregon Relay for the hearing impaired: dial 711.



Welcome to the state parks of the Columbia River Gorge, your gateway to exploring the trails and waterfalls of this designated National Scenic Area that spans 73 miles from Troutdale to The Dalles.

Hiking, cycling, windsurfing, camping, fishing, picnicking, photography and disc golf—you can do all this and more. Whether you spend the afternoon or a week here, you'll soon discover why residents set aside this land to be treasured and enjoyed for years to come.

Latourell Falls

TROUTDALE TO DODSON

Gorgeous views, stunning waterfalls

The first 18 miles of the Historic Columbia River Highway from Troutdale to Dodson boast iconic panoramic views of the wide, majestic Columbia River that give way to a lush, mossy forest and spectacular waterfalls. Bring your camera, a picnic and your hiking shoes as you explore the following state parks along the way.



Kayaking tour, Rooster Rock State Park

1 Portland Women's Forum State Scenic Viewpoint

The same view that attracts visitors from around the globe inspired the visionaries of the Historic Columbia River Highway. The landmark's namesake organization, the Portland Women's Forum, was active in preserving the natural beauty along the Gorge and donated the land to the state. Come see for yourself why this is one of the most popular viewpoints for photographing Vista House.

2 Vista House at Crown Point State Scenic Corridor

Notice the stone guard walls and graceful arches that are typical of the highway's exquisite craftsmanship as you wind up to Vista House, completed in 1918 as a cliff-top rest stop, observatory and memorial to Oregon pioneers. The graceful octagonal stone structure towers 693 feet above the Columbia River and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

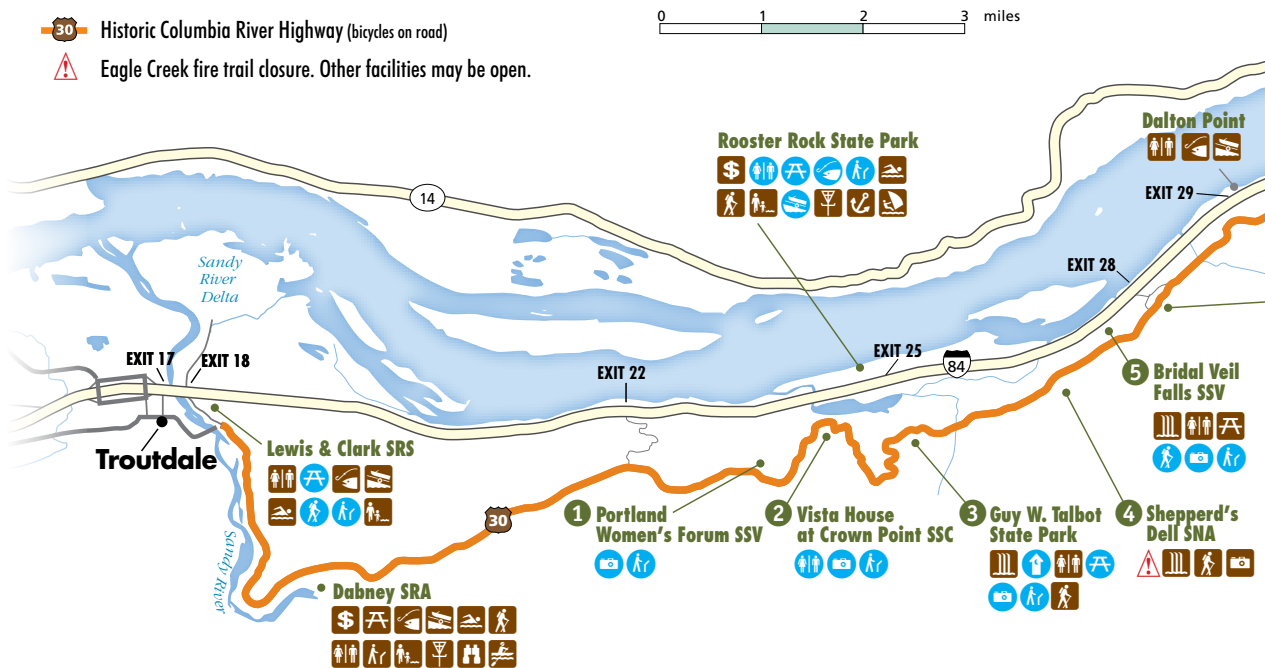
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More than 4 million people visit the west Gorge each year. Consider carpooling, taking a shuttle, or leaving early to avoid congestion at trailheads.

Shuttle information:

ColumbiaGorgeExpress.com

- Waterfall
- ADA accessible
- Camping
- Restrooms
- Non-flush toilet
- Parking
- Parking fee
- Picnic area
- Fishing
- Boat ramp
- Swimming
- Hiking
- Beach access
- Interpretive display
- Disc golf
- Wildlife viewing
- Paddling
- Wind sports
- Scenic viewpoint
- Marina
- US Forest Service site



Vista House includes historical displays, as well as a gift shop and espresso bar that are managed by the nonprofit Friends of Vista House. The landmark is open daily in the summer, with limited hours in the winter, weather permitting. Windy days are not uncommon; gusts can reach 100 mph during storms.

3 Guy W. Talbot State Park

Follow a short trail from the parking area to 249-foot Latourell Falls. Continue along the 2-mile loop to feel the mist from Upper Latourell Falls. Hike to another more secluded picnic area on the north side of the historic highway.

4 Shepperd's Dell State Natural Area

A short trail leads to a two-tier waterfall and features views of the 1914 Shepperd's Dell Bridge—as much of a landmark as the falls themselves.



5 Bridal Veil Falls State Scenic Viewpoint

This pleasant picnic destination features two hiking trails, including a 1.4-mile round-trip route to the base of Bridal Veil Falls. A half-mile interpretive loop features magnificent views of rock formations and the Columbia River.



New growth flourishes a year after the fire along the trail to Elowah Falls.

Gorge Fire Recovery

The 2017 Eagle Creek fire — started in September by a firework just west of Cascade Locks — closed about 100 miles of trails and recreation areas in Oregon, from Troutdale to Cascade Locks. Many have since opened; others may not open for months or longer.

Know Before You Go

Before you head out to the west Gorge, check the following websites:

Closures are posted at oregonstateparks.org

Hiking and volunteer opportunities are posted at gorgefriends.org

Follow **Gorge Stewardship and Trails Resilience** on Facebook

Help us spread the word

Reforestation takes time, but burned landscapes left to regrow naturally are some of the richest and rarest in the Pacific Northwest. Help the forest thrive: stay on trails to avoid damaging seedlings and spreading seeds from your boots.

Trails may be closed due to risk of falling trees and rock slides. For your safety, do not enter closed areas.

Ride or walk the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail

Where motorists on old U.S. Highway 30 once cruised, hikers and cyclists can now leisurely enjoy the view from the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. The trail comprises three disconnected paved paths along stretches of the historic highway, providing a combined 19-plus miles of thrilling scenery.



Hop on the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail at the Cascade Locks Trailhead at the Bridge of the Gods.

Bonneville Segment

The 6.5 segment extends from **6 John B. Yeon State Scenic Corridor** to **7 Cascade Locks Trailhead** at Bridge of the Gods. This section includes stunning views of the Columbia River and several waterfalls.

Viento to Wyeth Segment

A 2-mile paved section can be accessed from **8 Starvation Creek State Park** and **9 Viento State Park**. This section extends west to Lindsey Creek, passing three waterfalls along the way.

Twin Tunnels Segment

Further east, this 5-mile segment connects Hood River and Mosier, with trailheads at either end. It features views of the river below and a walk or ride through the carefully restored Mosier Twin Tunnels. The two tunnels were filled with rock when I-84 opened, but fortunately survived. Stop by the Twin Tunnels Visitor Station at **10 Mark O. Hatfield West Trailhead** for more about the highway's history.



The Final Connection

With a 3-mile section between Wyeth State Park and Lindsey Creek set to open in summer 2019, only a few miles will await reconnection between Viento State Park and Hood River. One of the final hurdles will be a new bridge and tunnel at Mitchell Point, a formidable mountain that abuts the Interstate. Designs for the crossing are underway.

Once the segments are complete, visitors will be able to cycle from Troutdale to The Dalles entirely along the historic highway and state trail without needing to ride alongside fast-moving traffic on the shoulder of I-84. Stay updated at historichighway.org.



Ride or walk the Twin Tunnels section of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail.



MOSIER TO THE DALLES




















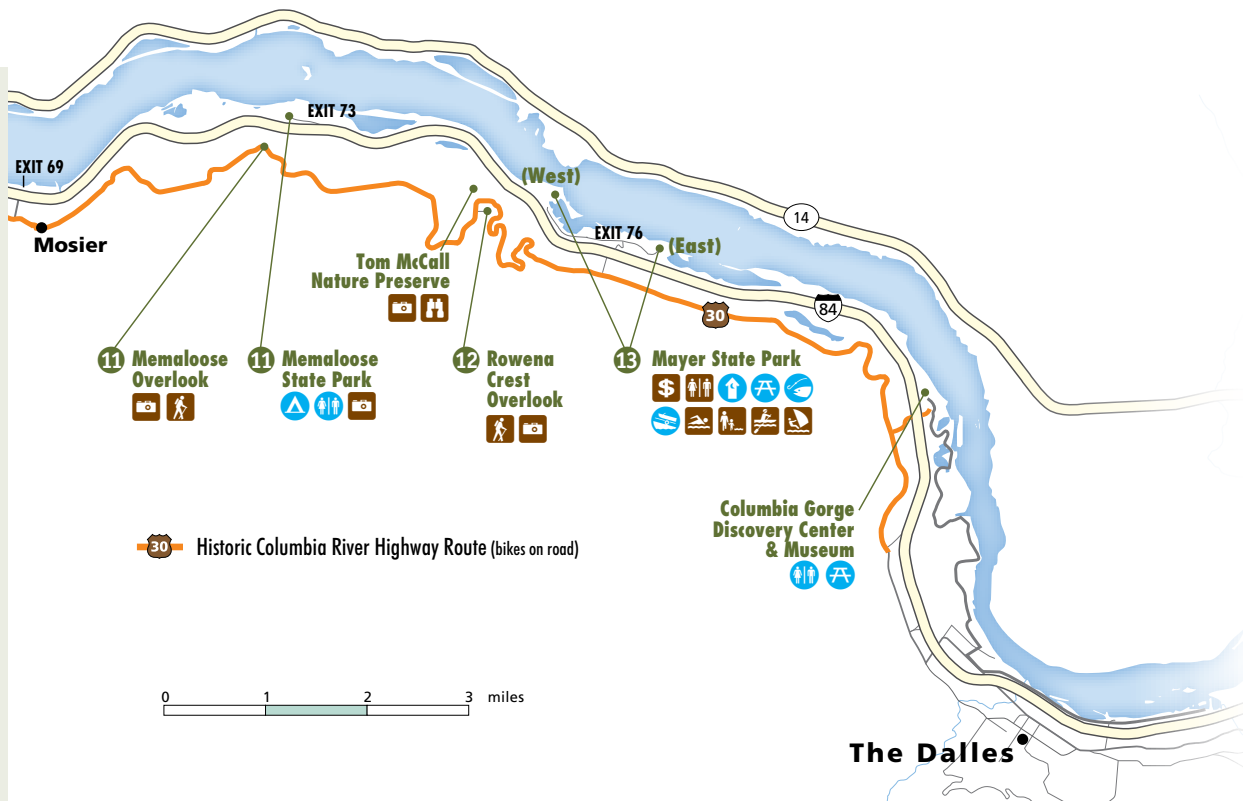
Wildflowers make a colorful show each spring at Rowena Crest.

Enjoy the east Gorge

At Mosier, visitors can drive the historic highway to The Dalles. Take exit 76 and follow the route east through the quaint town of Mosier—famous for its sweet cherries and their fragrant springtime blossoms. At **11 Memaloose Overlook**, stop to look down at the traditional Native American burial grounds on Memaloose Island.

Continue climbing up to **12 Rowena Crest**, part of **13 Mayer State Park**, for stunning Gorge views rivaling those of Crown Point. Each spring, the Rowena Plateau bursts into bloom with native lupine, balsamroot and other wildflowers. Access hiking trails in and around the adjacent **Tom McCall Nature Preserve**. While in The Dalles, visit the **Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Wasco County Museum** to learn about the cataclysmic volcanoes, raging floods and 10,000 years of cultural history that shaped the Gorge.

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-  Hiking
-  Beach access
-  Interpretive display
-  Wildlife viewing
-  Paddling
-  Wind sports
-  Scenic viewpoint



The Dalles

CAMPING AND DAY-USE PARKS

Relax between adventures at these state campgrounds

Reserve one day to nine months in advance at oregonstateparks.org or call 800-452-5687.

Ainsworth State Park, 22 miles east of Troutdale on the Historic Columbia River Highway (I-84 exit #35). Forested campground near popular waterfalls and hiking trails. RV sites, walk-in tent sites and a hiker/biker camp. Open mid-March to October.

Viento State Park, 8 miles west of Hood River (I-84 exit #56). Well-shaded campsites on both sides of I-84 with access to Columbia River for water sports. Close to several Gorge trailheads and windsurfing. RV and tent sites. Open mid-April to October.

Memaloose State Park, 11 miles west of The Dalles (I-84 exit #76). Accessible only to westbound I-84 traffic. Park overlooks the river and its namesake island. There is no river access from the park. RV and tent sites. Open mid-March to October.

For Forest Service campgrounds, go to fs.usda.gov/crgnsa.

Play for the day

Famed gusty winds propel windsurfers and kite boarders on the Columbia River. Calmer waters invite paddle boarding and kayaking. Visit the following state parks for the water sports, or stop for a picnic and a game of disc golf while enjoying the river views.

Reserve picnic shelters at 800-452-5687.


Dabney State Recreation Site, 4 miles southeast of Troutdale on the Sandy River (I-84 exit #18). Popular for swimming, picnicking, rafting, fishing, and playing disc golf on a challenging 18-hole course. Reservable picnic shelter. No pets permitted. No alcohol allowed below Stark Street Bridge.

Rooster Rock State Park, 25 miles east of Portland (I-84 exit #25). With a front-row view of the Columbia River, this day-use park beckons picnickers, windsurfers and sunbathers. A sandy beach includes a separate clothing-optional section. Two 9-hole disc golf courses suit beginners and expert players alike. A 3-mile hiking trail features views of the river. Reservable picnic shelters.

Benson State Recreation Area, 30 miles east of Portland (I-84 eastbound access only, exit #30). Features two lakes for fishing and paddling, a disc golf course, and a reservable kitchen shelter.

Mayer State Park, 10 miles west of The Dalles on (I-84 exit #76). Another popular park for water sports, Mayer also offers picnicking and stunning views from the upper portion of the park at Rowena Crest Overlook and the adjacent Tom McCall Nature Preserve.

Day-use fees

Some parks require a day-use parking permit. Look for this symbol  on the map. Purchase daily permits at the park; annual permits are sold online at store.oregonstateparks.org and at major state park offices and from local merchants. State park camping receipts serve as a day-use parking permit for all the days you are registered.



Rooster Rock, Mayer and Viento state parks are popular for water sports.

Camping at Memaloose State Park

