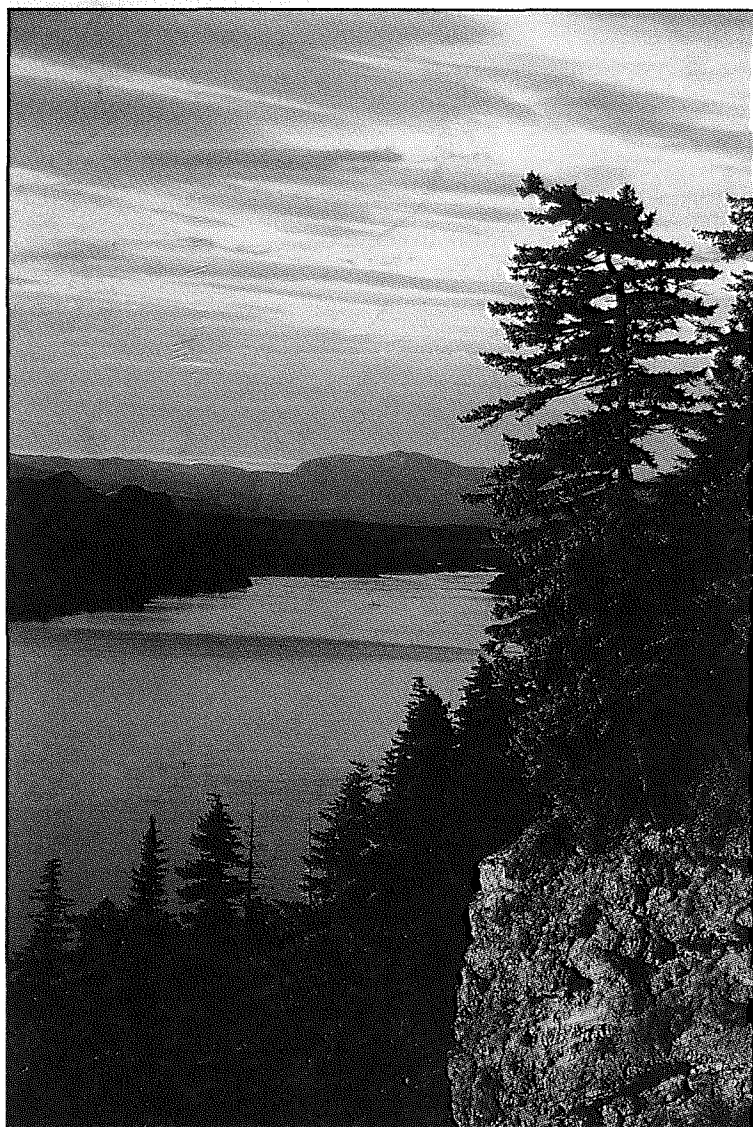


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## National Scenic Area Marks 10 Years of Gorge Protection



The spectacular landscapes of the Columbia Gorge are protected by the federal Gorge Act, which provides for regional management of the Gorge across portions of six counties and two states.  
Photo by Ken Denis

“November 17, 1996 will mark the 10 year anniversary of the day that the Gorge Act was signed into law by President Reagan. That day changed forever how this generation and generations to come will experience the Gorge. [The Gorge] is truly one of our nation’s natural wonders. It is called ‘home’ by over 58,000 people, yet it is characterized by some of the most remarkable scenic vistas and ecologically, hydrologically and geologically significant resources in the world. The Gorge and how we have chosen to manage it reflect the values that we, as a region and as a nation, have placed on environmental protection and stewardship... Overall, I am proud of the way the Gorge Act has performed over the past 10 years.”

*Senator Mark O. Hatfield (R-OR), Hearing Statement, Oversight on the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, September 13, 1996.*

*Senator Mark Hatfield greets one of the hundreds of Gorge Act supporters who attended the September 13 Congressional oversight hearing on the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act. Story on page 7.*

*Photo by Peter Mack*





*On September 13, Friends Executive Director Lauri Aunan testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee, chaired by Senator Mark Hatfield, at the Gorge Act oversight hearing held in Hood River. The following is excerpted from her testimony.*

## Executive Director's Letter

**T**his summer, with the support of sponsors Portland General Electric, Nike, Fred Meyer, AT&T Wireless, McMenamins and Tidewater Barge, Friends of the Columbia Gorge held special events to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Gorge Act. As part of our 10th anniversary campaign, we talked to thousands of people about the Columbia Gorge.

The majority of people overwhelmingly support federal protection for the Gorge. People understand that the Gorge Act strikes a balance between economic development and protection. People understand the national, regional and statewide importance of the Gorge. There is no place on earth like the Columbia Gorge, and it is appropriately protected through the federal Gorge Act.

Friends is here today to look to the future, and urge Congress, Oregon and Washington, the six Gorge counties, the Tribes and all citizens to continue to work together to keep the Gorge a wonderful place to live and work, and a special place for visitors. In the 10 years since the Gorge Act passed, there has been positive progress toward these goals.

It is undeniable that economic trends in the Gorge are positive since passage of the Gorge Act. Since 1986, state and federal data show declining unemployment rates, increased per capita income, and an expanding employment and wage base. This is something to build on.

It is undeniable that recreation opportunities have been improved for Gorge residents and visitors. This is something to build on.

It is undeniable that important natural areas, cultural sites and scenic landscapes have been protected by the Act's public lands program and land use planning. This is something to build on.

We must continue this work to safeguard the Gorge for future generations. The Gorge faces serious challenges from explosive population growth, decreasing funding for parks and public lands, increasing density of development on rural lands, lack of enforcement of guidelines to protect scenic resources, and failure to tap the development potential in existing Urban Areas.

Friends believes that the Act provides the framework to address these problems. Congress should continue and build on four key Gorge Act programs (see sidebar).

Friends believes that the Act has been an overall success in its first 10 years, but the work is far from complete, and the public wants this important work to continue. In six weeks, volunteers helped us collect more than 4,500 support cards for the Gorge Act, from people living in the Gorge, in Oregon, in Washington and across the country. We would like to deliver these cards to you today.

Senator Hatfield, thank you for your commitment to the Columbia Gorge and the Gorge Act. Your support has built a legacy for future generations. I hope that those who follow you will take up the challenge to conserve this spectacular place, an essential part of our national heritage.

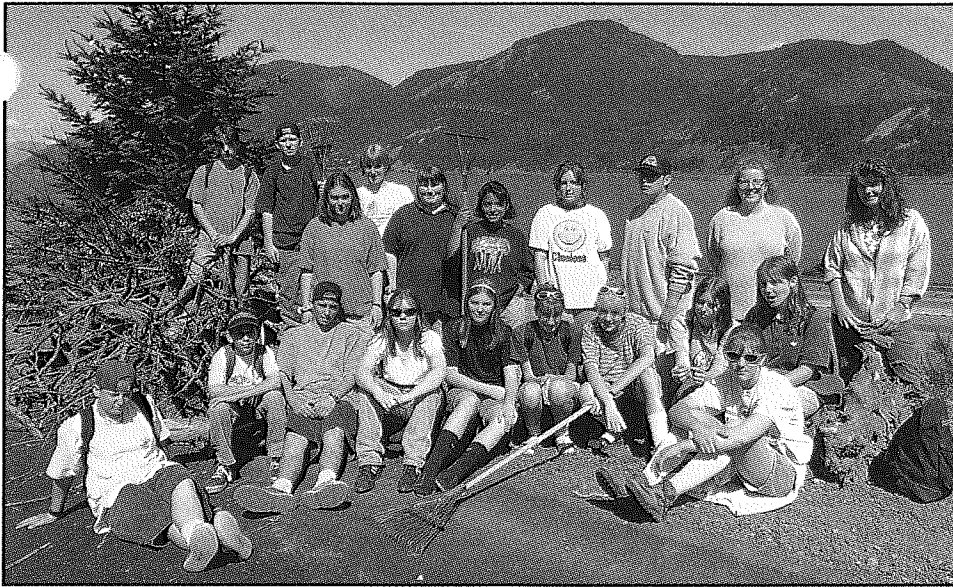
*Lauri Aunan*

Lauri G. Aunan  
Executive Director

### **Congress should continue and build on four key Gorge Act programs.**

1. Continue the federal investment in the public lands program, recreation development, and sustainable economic development.
2. Monitor economic and environmental health. The future of the Gorge depends on understanding what is happening to its economy and its scenic, cultural, recreational and natural resources. A monitoring program should provide objective data to judge whether the purposes of the Act are being achieved and, if not, what changes are needed.
3. Support efficient growth in existing urban areas. Sprawling growth will degrade the quality of life, diminish the value of the national investment, and increase costs of services to residents. Focusing growth in existing urban areas instead of rural lands is more efficient, less costly, and will better protect the Gorge's rural character.
4. Safeguard farms, forest lands and scenic resources by ensuring strict enforcement of the Management Plan and, where necessary, amending the Plan to provide greater protection.





Forty students from the 8th grade class at Hood River Middle School helped clean up Mitchell Point Overlook. "These types of projects help to instill community awareness in our students and allow them to contribute back to the community," said teacher Kathy Stever.

## Volunteers and Hikers Turn Out for Gorge Appreciation Week

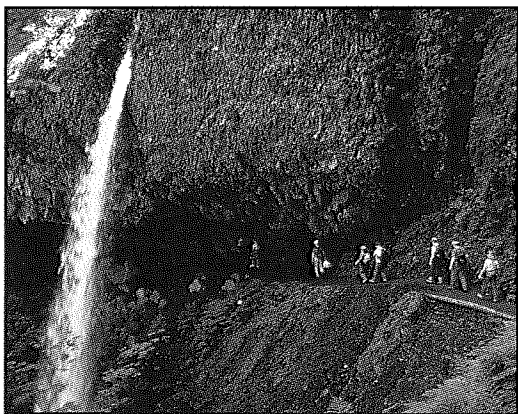
by Kim Brater

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, Friends held Gorge Appreciation Week June 10-16 to restore hiking trails and public lands damaged by the heavy storms of last winter, and continue with the 16th year of its Gorge Hiking Weekend. More than 200 volunteers participated in 20 trail rehabilitation and park clean-up projects throughout the Columbia Gorge, and more than 1,000 hikers enjoyed the spectacular beauty of the Gorge.

"Gorge Appreciation Week is an exciting opportunity for people of all ages to invest in the Gorge," said Kristin Reese, Friends Outreach Coordinator. "Participating in activities that give something back

promotes respect for the natural heritage of the Columbia Gorge. It also provides people with a hands-on understanding of the need to protect our communities' wonderful resources."

With the assistance of the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon State Parks and Recreation, and the Chinook Trail Association, volunteers worked on



After a morning Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup, volunteers hiked Oneonta, Triple Falls and Horsetail Falls Loop as part of Gorge Appreciation Week. Photo by Ken Denis

trail restoration at Larch Mountain Trail, Wahkeena Falls Trail, Latourell Falls Trail, Viento State Park, Hamilton Mountain Trail, and Husum Falls Portage Trail. Volunteers planted native vegetation at

Multnomah Falls, and pulled invasive non-native ivy at Bridal Veil and

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## Corporate Partnerships Key to 10th Anniversary Campaign

by Kim Brater

Gorge Appreciation Week. State of the Gorge 1996. Gorge Day Jam. These events could not have taken place without the support of our Corporate Partners. With generous monetary and in-kind donations, Friends was able to create educational materials, develop and implement special events, and plan and manage the 10th Anniversary campaign.

Friends would like to thank the Corporate Partners who made our campaign possible:

Portland General Electric  
 Nike  
 Fred Meyer  
 AT&T Wireless  
 Tidewater  
 McMenamins Edgefield  
 Waste Management of OR

A special thank you to lead sponsor Portland General Electric. In addition to monetary and in-kind donations, PGE employees volunteered for Gorge Appreciation Week and the Gorge Day Jam. The PGE Corporate Communications Team worked with Friends to get important messages out to employees and the public about the 10th Anniversary and ongoing Gorge protection.

Due to the immense support received this year, Friends will continue the Corporate Partnerships and begin to build new partnerships with other businesses in the area. ■

# Friends Releases The State of the Gorge 1996

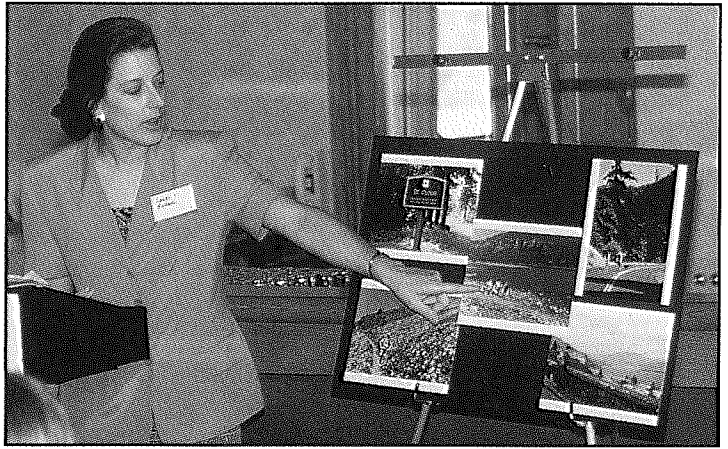
*First Report in 10 Years on Gorge Act Progress and Problems*

On July 1, Friends released "The State of the Gorge 1996," the first report in 10 years on accomplishments and challenges under the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act.

Thanks to Tidewater's generous support, the report was released in a special presentation aboard the Crystal Dolphin yacht. The National Scenic Area provided the backdrop during the trip up the Columbia River from Washougal to Cape Horn.

More than 40 people attended the event, including Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR) and staff, Senator Patty Murray's (WA) office, staff from Representative Linda Smith's (WA) office, State Senator Albert Bauer (WA), Brian Booth, Chairman of Oregon Parks and Recreation, Art Carroll, Scenic Area Manager for the Forest Service, Bob Thompson, Columbia Gorge Commission Chair, and senior executives from Portland General Electric, Tidewater, Nike, and AT&T Wireless.

The report documents positive economic and conservation progress under the Gorge Act. Gorge Act funding has supported economic development projects, stimulated job creation, and contributed to diversification of the area's economy. Public recreation



*Executive Director Lauri Aunan presented The State of the Gorge 1996 to media, business and community leaders, and representatives from the Northwest Congressional delegation, Columbia Gorge Commission and U.S. Forest Service. Photo by Ken Denis*

*"The success of the only National Scenic Area proves that the protection of environmental resources can benefit local and regional economies and that environmental protection can be enhanced through appropriate economic development. . . . The careful stewardship of our nation's precious natural resources is a duty we all share. I commend the efforts of the sponsors, organizers, and participants of this tenth anniversary commemoration of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area."*

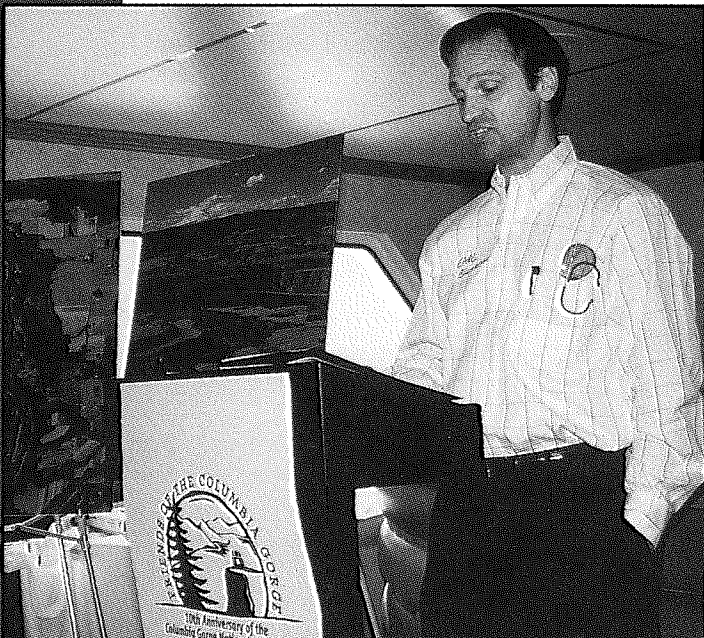
*President Bill Clinton, June 26, 1996.*

opportunities have been improved through new trails and parks in the Gorge. More than 28,200 acres of wildlife and plant habitat and scenic vistas are publicly owned.

Despite this progress, the Gorge is not fully or permanently protected. More than 1,200 development approvals have been granted in the Scenic Area since 1986. Explosive growth in the Metropolitan area is opening the Gorge to the suburban commuter. Rural lands are growing at a faster pace than Gorge cities. Under current zoning, development in the rural lands studied for the report has the potential to nearly double in density. Over time, these trends will degrade the Gorge's scenic and natural beauty.

The report includes recommendations to address these problems and ensure future Gorge protection.

*Copies of the report are available for \$5. Please send your check to Friends of the Columbia Gorge, 319 SW Washington #301, Portland, OR 97204, Attn: State of the Gorge Report. ■*



*Congressman Earl Blumenauer attended the Friends release of "The State of the Gorge 1996" and spoke strongly in support of the Gorge Act as a national model. Photo by Peter Mack*



# Gorge Day Jam – A Great Awareness Builder for Friends

by Kim Brater

It was fun in the sun for the first annual Gorge Day Jam celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. The Gorge Day Jam was held Sunday, September 8 from 12:00 - 7:00 p.m. outdoors at McMenamins Edgefield

Amphitheater in Troutdale, Oregon.

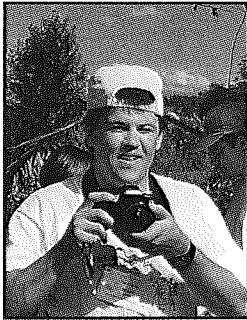
About 400 people listened and danced to the music of four bands, sampled the food booths, tasted McMenamins' brew, ventured through the craft booths, and learned about the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.

"We are very excited about the Gorge Day Jam," explains Lauri Aunan, Friends executive director. "People had a lot of fun and learned about the Columbia Gorge. The Gorge Day Jam is a great way to help us build awareness and bring in new support for Gorge protection."

Featured bands included Gypsy Caravan, The Willies, Higher Ground and The Daddies. Sponsors of the Gorge Day Jam included Portland General Electric, Nike, Earth 105 FM, Fred Meyer, AT&T Wireless, McMenamins, Waste Management of Oregon and Odwalla Juice. Special thanks to the City of Troutdale and the Troutdale Police Department.

And a big thank you goes out to the 50 people who volunteered at the Gorge Day Jam and helped make the day a huge success. About half of these volunteers were from Portland General Electric.

If you are interested in volunteering for Gorge Day Jam 1997, please contact Kim Brater at 295-1285. ■



Public Relations Intern Peter Mack helped Friends organize many successful events this summer.

## Gorge Games Dedicates First Year To 10th Anniversary of the National Scenic Area

by Kim Brater

The 1996 Gorge Games, a week of "extreme" sports competition July 13-21, celebrated athletic excellence and unmatched recreation offered in the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.

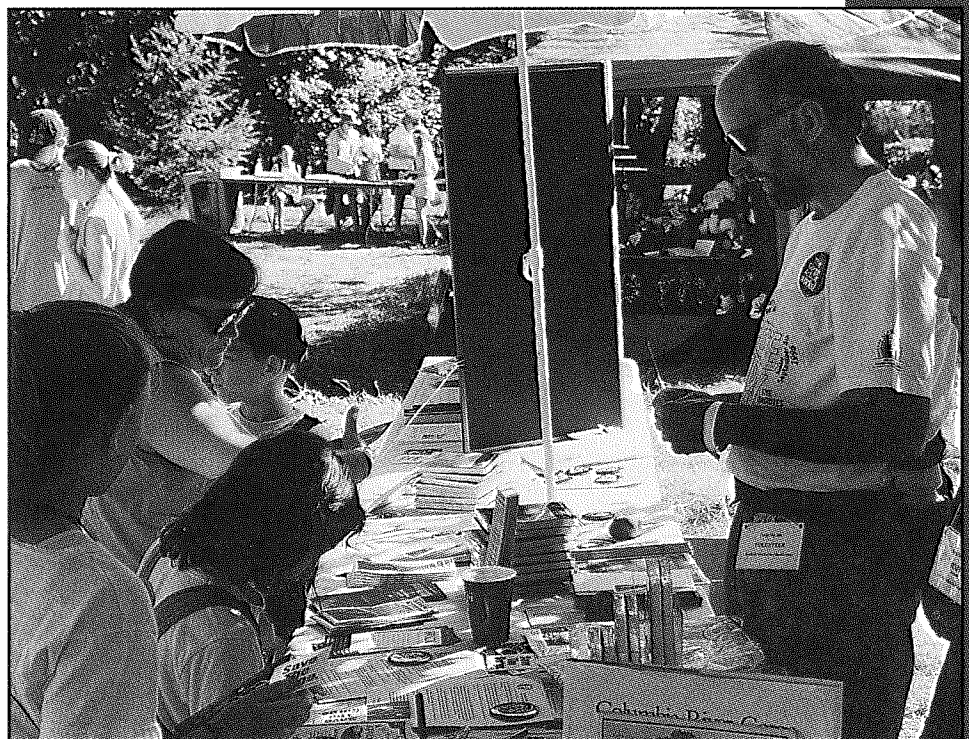
Dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, the Gorge Games opening ceremonies took place at the Port of Cascade Locks. Those attending not only heard testimony to the importance of the National Scenic Area to the local economy, but felt the excitement around the first annual Gorge Games. Opening ceremonies were followed by a music-filled cruise up the Columbia River aboard the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler.



Peg Lalor, organizer and catalyst for the first annual Gorge Games, thanks sponsors, participants, and organizers aboard the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler.

Photo by Peter Mack

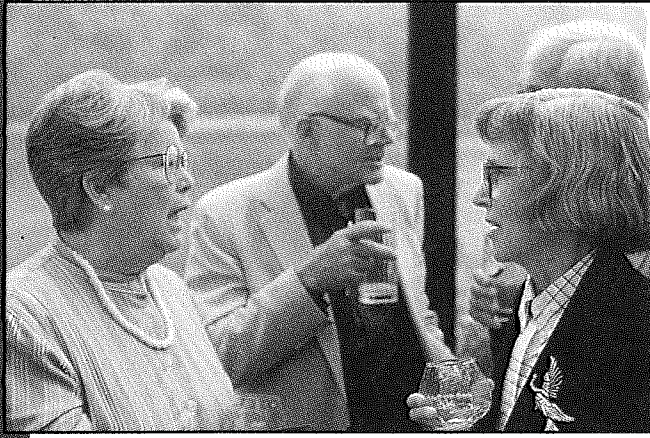
If you are interested in next year's Gorge Games, call (541) 386-7774 or e-mail [gorgegames@gorge.net](mailto:gorgegames@gorge.net). ■



Friends Board Chair Rick Ray (r) staffs Friends table at the Gorge Day Jam.

Photo by Lauri Aunan

photos by Lauri Aunan



*Emilie Frisbee, Don Frisbee and Mary Bishop*

## Prindle Party Draws Conservators of the Columbia River Gorge

by Nancy Russell

The lovely Prindle, Washington, home of Mr. Ernest C. Swigert, built by his grandfather in 1910, was the setting for our 1996 Gorge Conservators party. Conservators of the Columbia River Gorge, a major donor group, supplies the economic fuel that allows the Friends to be an effective force for conservation of the Gorge. Friends is grateful for their loyal support.

Our warmest thanks to Mr. Swigert for his warm and gracious hospitality. Thirty Conservators attended the event, enjoying views of Multnomah Falls across the river and Cape Horn to the west. After

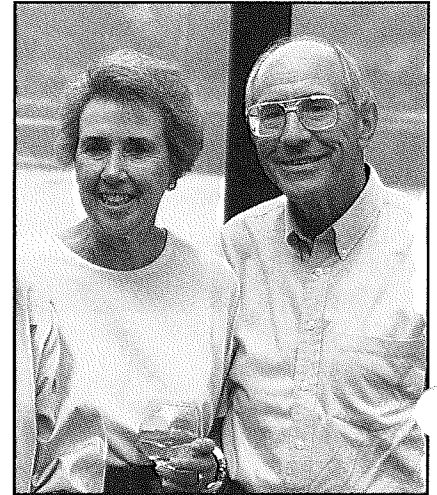
welcoming remarks by Friends Vice Chair Dr. John Reynolds, Executive Director Lauri Aunan updated the group on our ongoing protection work and our 10th anniversary activities.

Bowen Blair, Vice President of the Trust for Public Land and former Executive Director of Friends, then regaled the group with a fascinating and cliff-hanging account of the final days before passage of the National Scenic Area Act ten years ago. Conservator Don Frisbee called it an astonishing and revealing story that should be used as text in civics classes to show how things really work in our democracy.

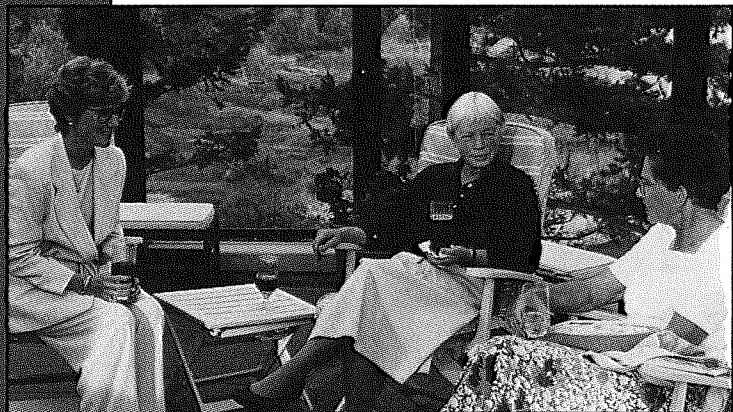
As light began to fade over the Gorge, we retreated to our cars and headed homeward, appreciating along the way all the very visible accomplishments of the Friends and the National Scenic Area Act. ■



*Host Ernie Swigert and Dorothy Burdick with friends*



*Mary and Ed Vranizan*



*Susan Grayson, Phyllis Reynolds and Dottie Schoonmaker*



*Jeanne Norton, John Reynolds, Molly Kohnstamm, and Debbie Craig*



# Gorge Act Supporters Send Message to Congress: Gorge Act is Working; Continue to Build on Success

On September 13, Senator Mark Hatfield chaired a Congressional hearing to review 10 years of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. The hearing, held in Hood River, Oregon, drew hundreds of citizens from Oregon and Washington to show support for the Gorge Act and urge Congress to build on the Act's accomplishments. At the hearing, Friends of the Columbia Gorge submitted more than 4,500 cards and letters supporting the Gorge Act, gathered from citizens in the Gorge, Oregon and Washington.

"The public supports Gorge protection," said Kristin Reese, Outreach Coordinator for Friends. "People understand that the Gorge Act strikes a balance between economic development and protection of the natural heritage of the Columbia Gorge."

But this balance will become harder and harder to maintain as the Northwest continues to grow at an explosive pace. In the Portland



*Chris Brown (r) with Senator Hatfield's staff accepts thousands of citizen support cards for the Gorge Act from Executive Director Lauri Aunan.*

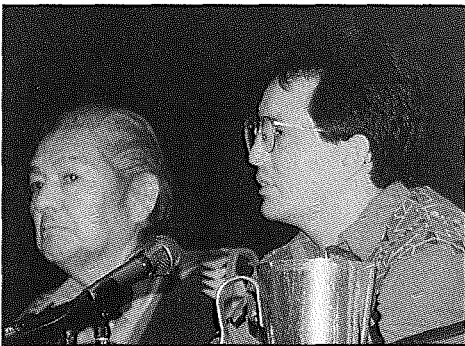
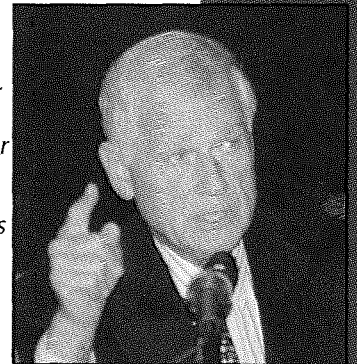
Threats to the Gorge Act were clearly stated at the hearing. Some county commissioners testified that the Act should be amended to give land use control back to the counties. Some counties place unrestricted logging, rock quarries, and development above the scenic, natural, and cultural resources that the Gorge Act strives to protect. Clark County urged Congress to allow the expansion of urban growth into the Gorge. Congressman Wes Cooley, who attended the hearing, questioned the ability of the Gorge Act to provide greater protection than state and local county standards. Senator Hatfield warned that the 1997 Congress will bring further Congressional hearings on the Gorge Act.

"Future protection for the Gorge faces serious threats from explosive population growth, decreasing funding for parks and public lands, and increasing pressure to develop farmlands, forest lands and open spaces," said Friends Executive Director Lauri Aunan. "The Gorge is worth more than the dollar value of rock pits, timber and development. Congress must

continue its strong support for the Gorge Act so that our children and grandchildren can experience the Gorge as we do today."

Also testifying at the hearing were the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, the counties of Wasco, Hood River, Multnomah, Clark, Skamania and Klickitat, the City of Mosier, Gorge Act opponent Columbia Gorge United, the Columbia River Gorge Commission, and the U.S. Forest Service. ■

*Retiring from the Senate after many years, Senator Mark Hatfield has worked for 1997 Congressional appropriations of more than \$14 million to meet Gorge Act funding commitments.*



*Nelson Wallulatum (l), Wasco Chief, Tribal Council, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and Donald Sampson, Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, testify in support of the Gorge Act.*

metropolitan area alone, one million new residents are expected in the next 25 years. The scenic beauty and rural landscapes of the Columbia Gorge will become even more of a target for urban and industrial exploitation and efforts to weaken Gorge Act protection.



*Volunteer Loretta Johnston (m) and Friends Outreach Coordinator Kristin Reese sign up Gorge Act supporters in Hood River.*

*Photos by Peter Mack*

# Gorge Watch

## Citizen Involvement Update

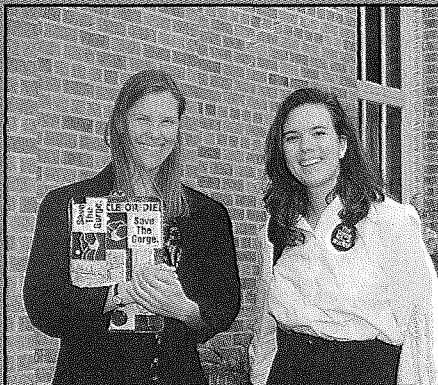


### Thank You for Taking a Stand for the Gorge

by Kristin Reese

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped collect more than 4,500 support cards presented to Senator Mark Hatfield and the Senate Appropriations Committee at the September 13 hearing on the Gorge Act (see page 7). It was a momentous effort and the many people who pitched in are too numerous to mention here.

Thanks also to everyone who wrote a letter and/or attended the hearing. Hundreds of support letters were sent to members of Congress and hundreds of supporters attended the hearing,



Friends Outreach Assistant Hannah Davidson (l) and Legal Intern Andrea Tonn helped turn out hundreds of supporters for the Congressional hearing on the Gorge Act. Photo by Peter Mack

sporting buttons that proclaimed, "The Gorge Act...It Works!" The tremendous outpouring of support continues to shape the future of protection for the spectacular place we call the Columbia Gorge!

But it's not over yet — please stay tuned! The hearing in Hood River could be just the beginning of more Congressional hearings on the Gorge Act. We have heard that Congresswoman Linda Smith

intends to hold hearings on the Gorge Act in early 1997. Efforts to roll back and weaken Gorge Act protection standards may be attempted in the 1997 Congress. Your support will be needed again in the months to come.

For more information or to learn how you can join the hundreds of Gorge Act activists, contact Kristin Reese at (503) 241-3762 or e-mail to [focg@teleport.com](mailto:focg@teleport.com). ■

### Gorge Watch Citizen Participation Conference Brings People Together

The Gorge Watch '96 Conference presented an opportunity for people throughout the Columbia Gorge and surrounding areas to get more involved in their communities. More than 60 participants attended the conference at Columbia Gorge Community College in May.

"If you give people the tools to get involved, they can make a difference," said Kristin Reese, Outreach Coordinator for Friends of the Columbia Gorge. "Community involvement is what will shape the world we live in and it's up to each of us to participate."

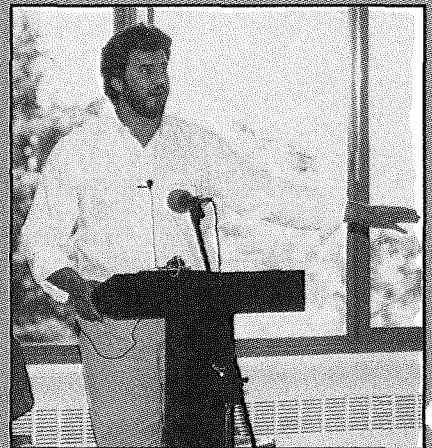
The one-day conference was the first in a series of trainings to provide concerned citizens with the skills to take action. The second training, "Wise Guise: Tools and Techniques for Challenging Wise Use," addresses the extreme opposition that confronts



Wilbur Slockish and Chief Johnny Jackson with the River Indians, Jay Letto, and Louie Pitt, Jr., of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, present a panel on the Indian tribes and the environmental movement at the May 1996 Gorge Watch Citizen Participation Conference. Photo by Ken Denis

conservationists today. Another follow-up workshop, "Instant Activism: E-mail as an Activist's Tool," will assist individuals and organizations in communicating more efficiently.

For more information about these workshops and other upcoming training, networking and citizen participation opportunities, please contact Kristin Reese at (503) 241-3762 or e-mail at [focg@teleport.com](mailto:focg@teleport.com). ■



Peter Illyn, founder of Christians for Environmental Stewardship, speaks to Gorge Watch Conference participants. Photo by Ken Denis



# Important Cape Horn Landscapes to Lose Protection

*Forest Service Plans Will Open Land to Clearcuts, Development*

In crafting the National Scenic Area Act, Congress reviewed intensive studies of Gorge lands. Lands of overwhelming scenic, natural or cultural importance were designated "Special Management Area" and given the highest levels of protection. The Forest Service was given authority and direction to acquire Special Management Area lands to ensure long-term protection through public ownership. The western "Gates of the Gorge" at Cape Horn and Crown Point are designated Special Management Area.

In 1996, the first parcels of Special Management Area land are likely to face weaker protection under the Gorge Act as a result of the Forest Service's inaction.

Three properties totalling about 75 acres of heavily forested land and pastoral open fields, visible from Cape Horn and Crown Point, have been offered for sale to the U.S. Forest Service under section 8(o) of the Gorge Act. These properties were generously offered to the Forest Service by private landowners. The land supports two year-round creeks and pristine forests, including old-growth trees up to 22 feet in circumference. The Forest Service has issued draft decisions that it does not want to acquire any of these properties.

Today, one looks down on an unbroken mosaic of forests and fields below Cape Horn. Failure of

the Forest Service to acquire these properties will mar the view with clearcuts and development highly visible from Cape Horn, Crown Point, the I-84 freeway and the Columbia River. Future zoning changes could allow even more development.

The Forest Service already owns property on the west and south sides of the parcels. Combining these parcels with existing public lands would protect a 160-acre block of pristine low-elevation forest, conserve the spectacular pastoral views from Cape Horn and Crown Point, and provide additional public recreation opportunities.

Failure to recognize the important scenic and natural values of these lands, and failure to recognize the threat to the Gorge landscape from logging and developing these lands, shows an alarming lack of long-term vision by the U.S. Forest Service.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

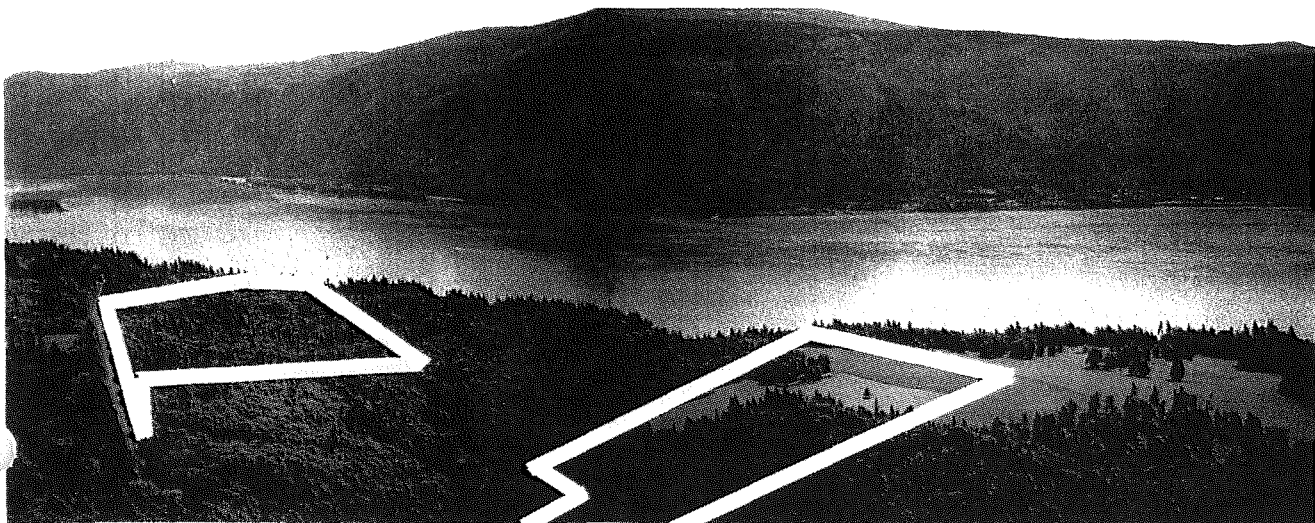
Tell the Forest Service to acquire the section 8(o) Cape Horn properties known as Danson, Ward and Bea.

Write to: Arthur Carroll, Manager, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area U.S. Forest Service, 902 Wasco St., Suite 200, Hood River, OR 97031.

Please send a copy of your letter to Friends of the Columbia Gorge. ■

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## Cape Horn View Shed Section 8(o) Lands



Acquisition of Cape Horn-area property will provide more permanent protection for this key Gorge landscape. The Forest Service has issued a draft decision not to acquire the property, offered for sale under section 8(o). Failure to acquire the lands will open them to large-scale clearcutting and development, permanently marring the landscape as viewed from Cape Horn and Crown Point.

## Friends News...

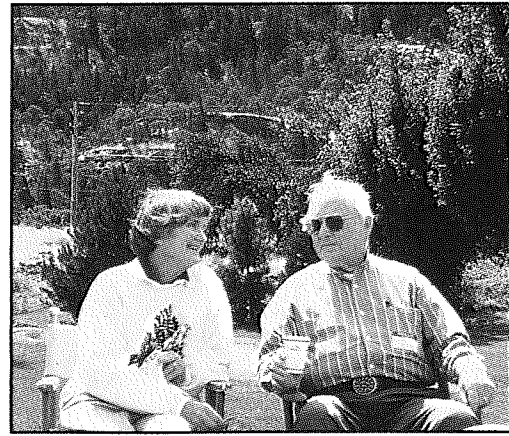
**W**elcome to New Members! Friends would like to send a warm welcome to our many new members in Washington, Oregon and across the country. The Columbia Gorge is a very special place, and needs the support of people like you who care about its future. Thank you for joining Friends of the Columbia Gorge.

Friends offers many ways for you to get involved in stewardship for the Columbia Gorge. As a member, you will receive information about our guided hikes in the spring, volunteer clean-up and trail restoration activities, ways that you can support expanded recreation activities in the Gorge, and how you can be an advocate for continued Gorge protection. For more information, contact Kristin at (503) 241-3762 or e-mail Friends at [focg@teleport.com](mailto:focg@teleport.com). ■

### Friends 17th Annual Summer Picnic

by Nancy Russell

**O**n Sunday, August 4, leaving a slow drizzle west of the Cascades, 100 Friends arrived on the east side of the Mosier Twin Tunnels for a thrilling tour conducted by Mark Needham, the project manager for the Oregon Department of Transportation. As we walked through both of the just-restored tunnels, we looked out from huge windows in the basalt walls and from the "observatory" between the tunnels to views of the river and the old "cliff walk" on the outside of the east tunnel. What fun! The tunnels will be open to the general public some time next summer.



Board member Nancy Russell and Gorge historian Keith McCoy enjoy the Summer Picnic. Photo by Marie Steinberg

After the tunnel tour, we proceeded to the beautiful Rowena waterfront home of the Ealand, Singer, and Pruitt families to enjoy an ideal Gorge day and an outstanding talk by historian Keith McCoy, author of *Mount Adams Country* and *Melodic Whistles in the Columbia Gorge*. Mr. McCoy described the flow of history down the Columbia River, which lay just beyond the lawn and was graced on that day by colorful sailboards flitting to and fro like a bevy of butterflies.

Our thanks to the helpful volunteers who made this event such a success — Jeanne Norton with her homemade cookies and lemonade, and Elva Michael, Lisa Orley, and Marie Steinberg, who assisted in a variety of ways. ■

### Board News

**F**riends Board member Kitty Wheeler resigned this summer as a result of her family's move to the state of Maine. Her enthusiasm and leadership are missed. ■

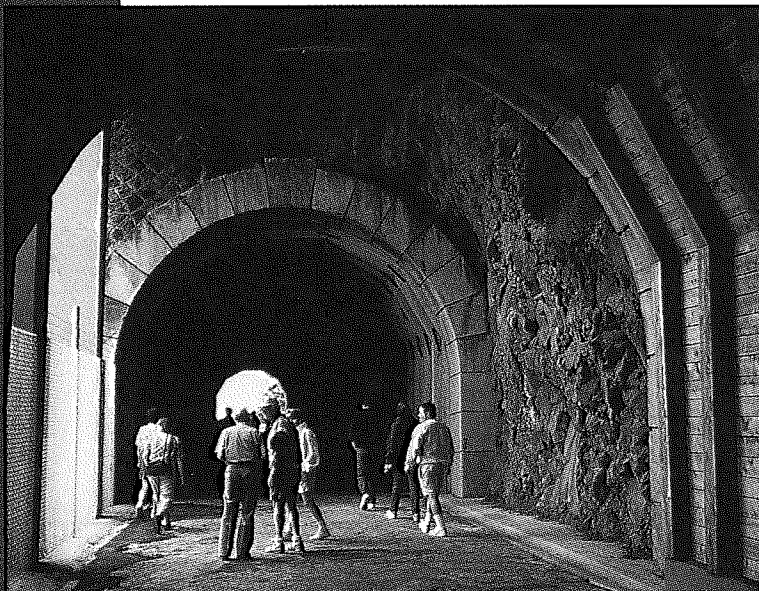
### Help Build Friends Website!

**F**riends is putting together a web page to showcase the recreation, natural and cultural resources, history, and other resources of the Columbia Gorge to a national audience. The web page will also feature up-to-date information about hikes, volunteer opportunities, upcoming meetings and hearings, and threats to Gorge protection.

We are looking for your Gorge photos to use on the web page! Please send photos of the following:

- People hiking, canoeing, whitewater rafting, bicycling, windsurfing
- Gorge museums, parks, campgrounds
- The Gorge, its communities and people from the 1920s, 30s and 40s.

Enclose your name, address, telephone number, and date and location of the photo. (We can't promise that we will be able to use all photos submitted.) Your photos can help raise awareness of this national treasure. ■



Friends members tour the newly reopened Mosier Twin Tunnels for the Friends Summer Picnic. Photo by Ken Denis



## Help Fund the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, now under construction at The Dalles, Oregon, is an important part of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Act.

The Center will interpret the geologic formation of the land, diverse natural landscape and rich human history of the past 10,000 years. The Center is a collaboration of the U.S. Forest Service, Wasco County, Wasco County Historical Museum, Citizens for the Gorge Discovery Center, and the Columbia River Gorge Commission. Supported

by more than \$6 million in funding through the Gorge Act, the Center is scheduled to open its doors to the public in 1997.

When the doors open, Discovery Members will be able to find their names in history. As a Discovery Member you will receive your own personalized brick in the Grand Entry to the Discovery Center and many other benefits.

You can become a Discovery Member for \$75 by contacting:

Citizens for the  
Gorge Discovery Center  
P.O. Box 998  
The Dalles, OR 97058,  
(541) 296-8600. ■



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### Mission Statement

*Friends of the Columbia Gorge shall vigorously protect the scenic, natural and cultural resources within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.*

*We fulfill this mission by ensuring strict implementation of the National Scenic Area Act; promoting responsible stewardship of Gorge lands and waters; encouraging public ownership of sensitive areas; educating the public about the unique natural values of the Columbia River Gorge and the importance of preserving those values; and working with groups and individuals to accomplish mutual preservation goals. —Adopted February 3, 1994*

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## Gorge Appreciation Week

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Hikers above High Valley. Photo by Ken Denis

Dabney State Park. Youth from Edgefield Children's Center, with the help of their instructors, began creating a Butterfly Garden at Rooster Rock State Park.

Special thanks to Julia Ferreira for another great year of arranging and promoting hikes throughout the Columbia Gorge. Her work has

helped introduce the Gorge to thousands of people, who have gained a new appreciation for Gorge resources and recreation.

For more information or to volunteer for Gorge Appreciation Week '97, call Friends of the Columbia Gorge at (503) 241-3762. ■

## Memorial Contributions

*Friends of the Columbia Gorge wishes to thank the following people who have made memorial contributions since our last newsletter:*

*In honor of Bonnie Buzgo  
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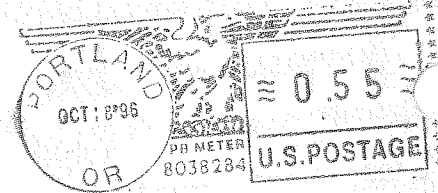
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**FIRST CLASS**

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EFO will work with your business to set up a simple and convenient payroll deduction program. Whether your business already has a payroll deduction campaign or not, EFO will help get you started. Workplace giving has many benefits! For more information, contact EFO at (503) 223-9015.



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100% cotton T-shirts (S, M, L and XL)	\$12
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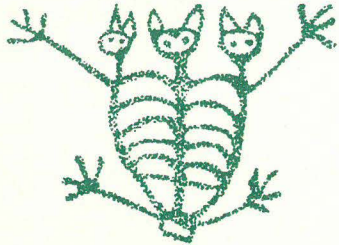
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*Come hike with us  
along the river!*



## Gorge Hiking Weekend June 17 & 18, 1995

**LEADERS** from twenty-four local outdoor groups are volunteering their time and expertise to guide you all over the Gorge. Choose from over forty different trips.

**WALK** in an old-growth forest or behind a waterfall; climb a high mountain peak or follow a deep river canyon.

**JOIN** the 15th Annual Gorge Hiking Weekend. See why the Columbia River Gorge is a world-famous attraction and how magnificent it is in its natural beauty.

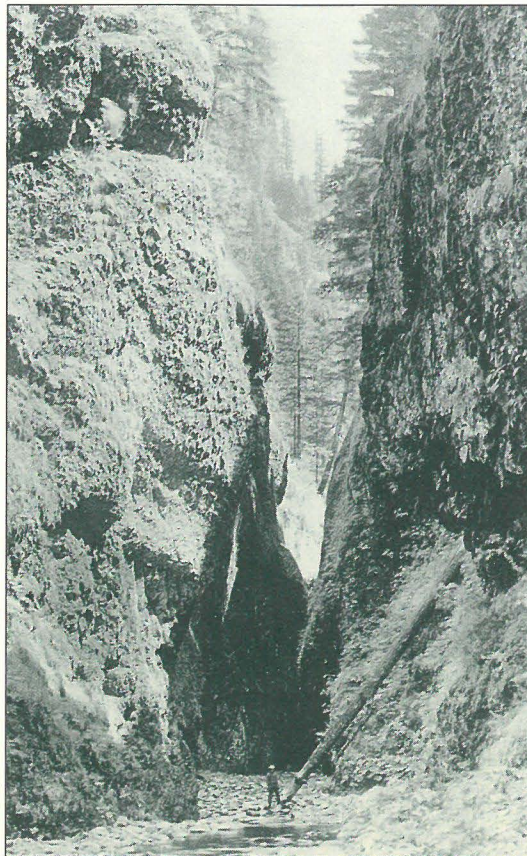
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## 15th Annual Columbia River Gorge Hiking Weekend

June 17 & 18, 1995

*Come hike with us!*



Oneonta Gorge, 1902, photo courtesy  
Oregon Historical Society

FRIENDS of the COLUMBIA GORGE



### WHAT TO BRING:

Lunch, water, first aid kit, insect repellent, sun block lotion, sun hat, rain gear, camera, binoculars. No animals, radios or alcohol.

### WHAT TO WEAR:

Long sleeves and long pants recommended. Sturdy hiking shoes that are lug-soled and waterproof. No sandals!

### GENERAL:

Prior sign-up is not required except as noted. Children are allowed at leader's discretion but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Participants accept responsibility for their own safety. Because some flora and fauna may bite back on a few of the trails, stay on paths to reduce possibility of contact with poison oak and ticks. All mileages given are round trip.

### QUESTIONS:

For details on individual events, contact the leader. For general information, call Friends of the Columbia Gorge (503) 241-3762.

### CAR POOLING

Donation to driver of 5¢ per mile is recommended.

*Note: All Exit numbers refer to I-84 eastbound unless otherwise noted.*

*DOT = Dept. of Transportation parking lot,  
NE 60th & Glisan, Portland*



FRIENDS of the COLUMBIA GORGE

# FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GORGE HIKING WEEKEND

Saturday June 17, Sunday June 18, 1995

*Peace of mind and strength of spirit are gathered as  
much along the trail as in the destination.*

Don Onthank standing on Indian Point, 1949;  
photograph courtesy of his son, Don W. Onthank



Hikes are coordinated by Friends  
of the Columbia Gorge with  
these participating organizations:

Bergfreunde Ski Club  
Chemeketans  
Chinook Trail Association  
Desert Trail Association  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
Friends of Multnomah Falls  
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Portland Wheelmen Touring  
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# SATURDAY HIKES, June 17, 1995

## EASY HIKES

Up to 5 miles, less than 1,000 ft. elevation gain

**Horsethief Lake Indian Rock Art** Visit the site of a former Wishram Indian village with an archeologist. See pictographs and petroglyphs on rock cliffs. Hike 2-3 miles over occasionally steep, rocky terrain. Be prepared for heat, ticks, and possibly rattlesnakes. This is a restricted, environmentally sensitive area. Group is limited to 40 persons. Call by June 9 for reservations.

USDA, FOREST SERVICE, MT. ADAMS  
RANGER DISTRICT: Cheryl Mack (509) 395-3375.

**Tom McCall Preserve** Leisurely paced 1,000 ft. climb to Tom McCall Point for far-ranging views. Leader is knowledgeable about flowers, geology and history. Hike 3.4 miles.

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON: Keith Chamberlain (503) 478-3314. Meet 10 AM Rowena Crest Viewpoint: Mosier Exit 69, then east on Scenic Hwy for 6.6 miles.

**Bluff Mountain** Experience a spectacular alpine setting while traversing an open ridge to the 3985 ft. summit of a peak in the Yacolt Burn. Wildflowers and open vistas to north and south abound. Hike 5 miles with minimal elevation gain.

WASHINGTON TRAILS ASSOCIATION: Don Seaman (360) 687-0691. Meet 9:00 AM south end of Safeway parking lot, Main Street, Battle-ground, WA.

**Mosier Tunnel** Walk the abandoned Scenic Highway from Hood River to the blocked Mosier Tunnel. Panoramic views of the Gorge, oak woods, and meadows. Discover the importance of the proposed tunnel reopening. 6.2 miles with little elevation gain.

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE: Joe Walicki (503) 241-3762. Meet 9:30 AM DOT or 10:45 AM at road gate on Old Columbia River Drive, 1.4 miles east of its junction with Mt. Hood Hwy. #35 (Hood River Exit 64).

## MODERATE HIKES

Up to 10 miles; up to 2,500 ft. elevation gain.

**Wahclella Falls and Punch Bowl Falls** Hike a total of 6 miles in two short hikes to two beautiful waterfalls in forested canyons with plant-covered grottos. Look for water ouzels (dippers). 400-ft. elevation gain.

CHINOOK TRAIL ASSOCIATION: Heather Rosenwinkel (503) 244-9016. Meet 8:15 AM DOT or 9:00 AM Wahclella Falls trailhead parking area. Bonneville Exit 40, then turn south.

Mountain, and then on to a viewpoint of the spectacular Oregon cliffs across the Columbia River. 600 ft. elevation gain.

SIERRA CLUB: Steve Fradkin (503) 293-0760. Meet 8:15 AM DOT or 9:00 AM Bonneville Trailhead 2 miles west of north end of Bridge of the Gods, north side of Hwy 14 in Washington.

**Grassy Knoll** After a vigorous first mile, follow gentle grades to a remote former fire lookout site with sweeping views of mountains and Gorge. Continue to Cold Spring if desired. Hike 7 miles with 1500 ft. elevation gain.

SIERRA CLUB: John Flanagan (503) 543-7623. Meet 9:15 AM DOT.

**Wahkeena to Angels Rest** A diverse and delightful 7 mile hike up cascading Wahkeena Creek to its spring, then across forested slopes to spectacular rocky outcroppings 1,600 feet above the Columbia River with views in all directions.

BERGFREUNDE SKI CLUB: John Neal (503) 246-7084. Meet 9:30 AM restaurant area in Burns Brothers truck stop, Troutdale Exit 17.

**Herman Creek** An 8.4 mile walk through old-growth forest crossing creeks and viewing waterfalls. Lunch at creekside. 1700 ft. elevation gain.

FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK STATE PARK: Linda Gray (503) 639-4069. Meet 8:45 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 or 9:15 AM restrooms at Bridge of the Gods at Cascade Locks, Exit 44.

**Powerline Access Trail** A 5 mile rugged hike starting at Starvation Creek and following an abandoned section of the Old Columbia River Highway to an ascent on rubbly way-trails to spectacular views of the eastern end of the Gorge. 1300 ft. elevation gain.

UPWARD TRAILS: Lynn & David Wunische (503) 668-8950. Meet 9:00 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18.

**Nesika** A 9 mile hike through tall timber past the many waterfalls of Multnomah Creek to a log and stone lodge with a unique Gorge overlook. Return via Cougar Rock viewpoint. 1900 ft. elevation gain.

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON: June Smelser (503) 668-4060. Meet 8:00 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 or 8:30 AM Multnomah Falls Lodge by the sign.

## STRENUOUS HIKES

Steep, rugged trails; high elevation gains. Excellent physical conditioning required.

FRIENDS OF MULTNOMAH FALLS: Ron Goodwin (503) 761-4751. Meet 8:45 AM Gresham City Hall MAX lot or 9:30 AM Multnomah Falls Lodge by the sign.

**Elevator Shaft** Hike 8 miles on Gorge Trail 400, from Wahkeena Falls to 1/2 mile east of Multnomah Falls; up an old switchback trail through a rockfall to a viewpoint 400 feet above the top of Multnomah Falls; on to Cougar Rock area and a second spectacular viewpoint. Steep, with loose rock. 2600 ft. elevation gain.

MAZAMAS: Roy Stout (503) 253-8170. Meet 8:30 AM DOT or 9:15 Wahkeena Falls parking area. Bridal Veil Exit 28, then east on Scenic Highway 2.6 miles.

**Indian Point Loop** A 9 mile hike following Gorton Creek Trail steeply up from Herman Camp to a unique viewpoint for Gorge scenery. Loop return down massive Nick Eaton Ridge. 2600 ft. elevation gain.

MAZAMAS: Chuck Carson (503) 659-8394. Meet 8:00 AM DOT or 9:00 AM CharBurger parking lot, Cascade Locks Exit 44.

**Dog Mountain** A moderately paced 7 mile hike will be a continuous ascent; views of the Gorge and the Cascades are beautiful. 2900 ft. elevation gain. Many flowers.

CHEMEKETANS: Ken Paulson (503) 585-6595. Meet 9:30 AM trailhead 12.5 miles east of Bridge of the Gods on Hwy 14 in Washington.

**Wygant Peak Loop** Hike 12 miles to visit Gorge highpoints with abundant flowers and superb views. Some cross-country scrambling between Wygant Peak and the Post Road. 2200 ft. elevation gain.

MAZAMAS: Gerry van Deene (503) 669-0778. Meet 7:45 AM DOT or 8:30 AM Lausman State Park Rest Area, Mitchell Point Overlook Exit 58. From Hood River: take Viento Park Exit 56 and double back 2 miles on I-84 eastbound.

**Table Mountain** 9-mile fairly rugged hike to flat-topped summit of this Gorge sentinel. Panoramic views of Gorge and surrounding peaks with abundant wildflowers. 3400 ft. elevation gain.

DESERT TRAIL ASSOCIATION: Dan Chamness (503) 386-5375. Meet 8:00 AM CharBurger parking lot, Cascade Locks Exit 44 or 8:30 AM at Bonneville trailhead, 2 miles west of north end of Bridge of the Gods on north side of Hwy 14 in Washington.

**Gorge Marathon** Very strenuous 25 mile triple climbs of Hamilton Mountain, Table Mountain, and Dog Mountain. Climb one, two or all three in



# SUNDAY HIKES, June 18, 1995

## EASY HIKES

Up to 5 miles, less than 1,000 ft. elevation gain.

**Latourell Falls** Gentle loop hike of 2.5 miles passing two waterfalls and crossing several footbridges. Great walk for children or grandchildren. Bring a picnic lunch for after the walk.

LAKE OSWEGO RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Julie and Dick Ferreira (503) 636-5520. Meet 10:00 AM at trailhead. Take Bridal Veil Exit 28 and drive 3 miles west on Scenic Highway.

### Elowah Falls and Upper McCord Creek Falls

Traverse base of Nesmith Cirque to visit two very different waterfalls. Dramatic basalt cliffs and hanging wildflower gardens create an outstanding experience. Hike 3.5 miles with 600 ft. elevation gain.

LAKE OSWEGO RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Joan Ziegler (503) 635-7280. Meet 9:00 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18.

**Sandy River Gorge** Descend into the Sandy River Gorge to explore its rich diversity of plants and animals and see a fine example of old-growth Douglas fir forest. Hike 4 miles. Elevation gain of 800 feet. Bring sturdy footwear. Please register by calling:

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY: Susan Caldwell (503) 228-9561. Meet 10:00 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18.

**Sandy River Delta** Walk 6 miles at the entrance to the Columbia Gorge in the area under study by the U.S. Forest Service for possible future trails and an expanded highway interchange. See the confluence of the Sandy and Columbia Rivers, with sweeping views of the Gorge and wetlands. No elevation gain.

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE: Joe Wallicki (503) 241-3762. Meet 9:45 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18.

## MODERATE HIKES

Up to 10 miles; up to 2,500 ft. elevation gain.

**Wind Mountain** The Bob Kuse Memorial Trail on this Gorge landmark is well graded. There are remarkable views, and this is an ancient Indian vision-quest site. Hike 4 miles. 1200 ft. elevation gain.

OVER-THE-HILL GANG: Bob Miller (503) 286-3665. Meet 9 AM NE 16th & Halsey or 9:50 AM Historical Marker, north end Bridge of the Gods.

**Dry Creek Falls Loop** A scenic 6 mile loop to a forgotten waterfall at base of basalt cliffs below Benson Plateau. Ascend via Pacific Crest Trail:

**Angels Rest** Pleasant 5 mile hike along a tumbling creek up to spectacular rocky outcroppings 1600 feet above the Columbia River with views in all directions.

PTARMIGANS: Hank Bergquist (503) 285-5819. Meet 10 AM at trailhead. Bridal Veil Exit 28, then proceed to junction with Scenic Hwy. Park in gravel lot on right.

**Larch Mountain in Washington** From Grouse Vista, hike 6 miles to beargrass meadows, summit microwave tower, and far-ranging views of the west end of the Gorge. 1500 ft. elevation gain.

GIFFORD PINCHOT TASK FORCE: Diana Gordon (360) 835-7748. Meet 8:30 AM Pendleton Woolen Mills parking lot, Washougal.

**Wahkeena Falls/Multnomah Falls Loop** Hike 6 miles viewing thundering waterfalls, basalt cliffs, towering old-growth forest, Wahkeena Spring, and vistas of the Gorge. 1700 ft. elevation gain.

FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK STATE PARK: Phyllis Towne (503) 223-3723. Meet 9:45 AM Wahkeena Falls parking area. Bridal Veil Exit 28, then east on Scenic Hwy 2.6 miles.

**Aldrich Butte & Beacon Rock** Hike to former fire lookout site in mid-Gorge area (4 miles, 1200 ft. elevation gain). Then cross 25 bridges and make 52 switchbacks on Beacon Rock, a Gorge landmark (2 miles, 850 ft. elevation gain).

FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK STATE PARK: Ron Christensen (503) 636-5808. Meet 9:15 AM DOT or 10:15 AM North Bonneville Dam Visitors Information Center off Hwy 14.

## STRENUOUS HIKES

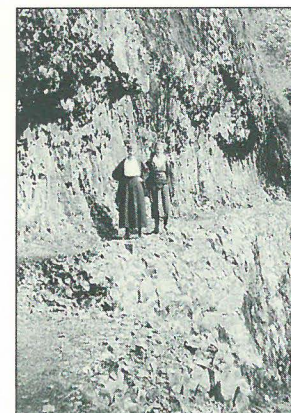
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**Munra Point** This is a fun climb but extremely steep, with considerable exposure, not to be attempted by the inexperienced. Ice ax or hiking cane recommended. Summit views are impressive. Hike 6 miles with 1800 ft. elevation gain.

BERGFREUNDE SKI CLUB: John Neal (503) 246-7084. Meet 9:30 AM restaurant area in Burns Brothers truck stop, Troutdale Exit 17.

**Eagle Creek** 13-mile hike with 1200 ft. elevation gain. Punchbowl, Tunnel and Crossover Falls accent this spectacular trail cut into basalt cliffs and through the lush forest of a deep canyon. Not advisable for children.

TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON: Mel Taylor (503) 639-9160. Meet 8:15 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 or 9:00 AM at trailhead, Eagle Creek



Lois Nicolai Ducich, now 102 years old, and her sister Helen Nicolai Stipe, 97, on the Eagle Creek Trail in 1915

Photo courtesy of Tom Stipe

onto the summit. Spectacular panoramic views, Indian pits and flower-filled meadows. 2100 ft. elevation gain. Sturdy cars with good tires recommended. Bring plenty of water.

MAZAMAS: Frank and Charlotte Head (503) 253-4632. Meet 7:30 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 or 8:15 AM Historical Marker, north end Bridge of the Gods, Hwy 14 in Washington.

**Nesmith Point** Hike 10 miles on a steep trail through a beautiful basin to the highest point on the cliffs of the Gorge. 3800 ft. elevation gain.

MAZAMAS: Rich Conser (503) 697-4310. Meet 8:00 AM NE 16th & Halsey, or 8:45 AM Yeon State Park. Exit 35 then east 2.3 miles on Frontage Road.

**Nick Eaton Ridge** A 10 mile loop hike up Gorton Creek Trail to Deadwood Camp and then return down Nick Eaton Ridge with spectacular Gorge views. 4000 ft. elevation gain.

OREGON PARKS & RECREATION: Pete Bond (503) 363-1492. Meet 8:15 AM Lewis & Clark State Park, Exit 18 or 9:00 AM at trailhead in Herman Creek Campground beside Columbia Gorge Work Center. Cascade Locks Exit 44 from the west, or Herman Creek Exit 47 from the east.

**Ruckel Ridge Loop** This spectacular 9 mile hike has steep grades and some exposure up to Benson Plateau. Return along scenic Ruckel Creek with viewpoints, hanging gardens and Indian pits. Elevation gain of 3900 feet; precipitous in places. Not for the timid hiker!

SIERRA CLUB: Dwane Bollard (503) 639-0817. Meet 9:00 AM DOT.

## RAFT TRIP

**Sandy River Raft Trip** Paddle yourself in our 4-person rafts on an all day 11 mile trip accompanied by a Regional Park Naturalist. Reservations required by June 2. \$25 per person. Call for reservations.

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