



## FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

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**F**riends of the Columbia Gorge invites you to join us in protecting and restoring this incomparable national treasure. Membership benefits include access to our special member-only hikes, invitations to events and outings, our quarterly newsletter, opportunities to be an activist for Gorge protection, and information on history and current events in the National Scenic Area.

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Guide \$100 Crown Point \$1,000

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Basic Membership \$35 Trailblazer \$250

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Join online at [www.gorgefriends.org](http://www.gorgefriends.org), Or mail this form with your payment to: Friends of the Columbia Gorge 522 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 720, Portland, OR 97204

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# Hikes, Outings & Stewardship

Fall 2011

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Working to ensure that the beautiful and wild Columbia Gorge remains a place apart, an unspoiled treasure for generations to come.

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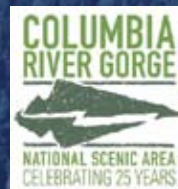
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View from Burdoin Mountain  
in Klickitat County.

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# Hikes

## General Information:

Most events in this brochure are open to the public, except where noted as "Members only." For non-members, it's easy to join when registering. Visit [www.gorgefriends.org/hikes](http://www.gorgefriends.org/hikes) or call Maegan Jossy at 503-241-3762 x103. Carpooling is encouraged; details upon registration.

- Carpools generally leave Portland between 8:00-9:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m.
- Hike distances are round-trip on the trail.
- Please note difficulty levels when choosing hikes. Hiking is always somewhat strenuous. See "What to wear" below regarding safe, appropriate hiking apparel.
- Children are welcome with parent or guardian; please choose hikes appropriate for your child's age and ability.
- Participants accept responsibility for their own safety.
- Stay on paths and trails to minimize impact on landscape and avoid poison oak and ticks.
- Please do not bring pets on group hikes or outings.
- Please leave alcohol and other intoxicants home.
- Leave no traces, take only memories.

**Be sure to bring:** A daypack with lunch, snacks, water, first aid items, sunscreen, and extra layers for warmth or rain.

**What to wear:** Long sleeves and long pants are best; sturdy hiking shoes or boots are strongly recommended.

**Carpools/Trailheads:** Details online at registration, or call 503-241-3762 x103. Suggested contribution of \$5-\$10 per rider to drivers.

**To register:** Visit [www.gorgefriends.org/hikes](http://www.gorgefriends.org/hikes).

Friends of the Columbia Gorge salutes our volunteer hike leaders and shepherds and these outdoor organizations:

Adventure Group  
Cape Horn Conservancy  
Columbia Gorge Refuge Stewards  
Desert Trail Association  
Friends of Multnomah Falls  
Ice Age Floods Institute  
Klickitat Trail Conservancy  
Pacific Crest Trail Association  
Trailkeepers of Oregon  
Trails Club of Oregon  
Washington Trails Association

Hikers at Dancing Rock. See event on October 20.

Photo: Maidie Kenney

## There's no place on Earth like the Columbia Gorge!




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or call 503-241-3762 x103.

## 25 Trails, 25 Years

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area! To celebrate, Friends is challenging Gorge lovers to hike the "Top 25 Trails in the Gorge" between March 1 and October 31.



Look for this icon  on the hike schedule inside and join us on the trail. Or you can head out on your own.

If you hike even one of the trails, you're part of the celebration. And if you

complete all 25 hikes, you can be entered into our grand prize drawing. Visit [www.gorgefriends.org](http://www.gorgefriends.org) to learn more about this Gorge celebration program.

### These are the Top 25 Trails, listed alphabetically:

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| Angel's Rest, OR                           | Klickitat Trail, WA                                       |
| Beacon Rock, WA                            | Larch Mountain, OR  |
| Cape Horn, WA                              | Latourell Falls, OR                                       |
| Catherine Creek, WA                        | Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA                                   |
| Coyote Wall, WA                            | Memaloose Hills, OR                                       |
| Dalles Mountain Ranch / Columbia Hills, WA | Mosier Twin Tunnels / Historic Columbia River Highway, OR |
| Devils Rest, OR                            | Multnomah Falls / Wahkeena Falls Loop, OR                 |
| Dog Mountain, WA                           | Wahclella Falls, OR                                       |
| Dry Creek Falls, OR                        | Wauna Viewpoint, OR                                       |
| Eagle Creek / Tunnel Falls, OR             | Table Mountain, WA  |
| Elowah Falls, OR                           | Tom McCall Point / Rowena Plateau, OR                     |
| Hamilton Mountain, WA                      | Triple Falls Loop, OR                                     |
| Indian Point, OR                           |   |

# 2011 Fall Hikes

-  NSA 25th Anniversary
-  Family Friendly
-  Members Only
-  Stewardship
-  Special Focus

## Thursday, September 15

### Lend-A-Hand Stewardship Below Mosier Plateau, OR

Kick off the fall season by removing blackberry at our land trust property below the Mosier Plateau with Land Trust Manager Kate McBride, and learn about Friends' plans for connecting the Mosier Plateau property with a trail to the town of Mosier.

## Saturday, September 17

### Historic Highway Bike Ride Hood River County, OR

**Moderate: 14 miles, 200-ft. elev. gain**

Enjoy biking a pedestrian-only stretch of the Historic Columbia River Highway with Field Representative Peter Cornelison and Conservation Organizer Anna Gilbert. Learn today's top conservation issues as we bike from Hood River through the Mosier Twin Tunnels to the town of Mosier and back.

## Saturday, September 17

### Steigerwald Bird Walk, WA

**Easy: 2.2 miles, little elev. gain**

Walk the Gibbons Creek Wildlife Art Trail with bird expert Wilson Cady. Learn flora and fauna of the Steigerwald wetlands, and identify some of the 200+ bird species in the refuge.

## Sunday, September 18

### Mosier Plateau, OR

**Easy: 3 miles, 400-ft. elev. gain**

Enjoy panoramic views from the plateau above Mosier. Friends' Gorge Towns to Trails Project Manager Renee Tkach will share history of this land trust property and plans for connecting this property with a trail into the town of Mosier.

## Tuesday, September 20

### Silver Star, WA

**Moderate: 5 miles, 1,500-ft. elev. gain**

Explore the alpine mountain terrain of Silver Star with Friends hike leader Stephen Brown, amid autumn colors and spectacular 360-degree views.

## Friday, September 23

### Lower Falls Creek Falls, WA

**Moderate: 3.4 miles, 600-ft. elev. gain**

Welcome autumn at this secluded waterfall with hike leader Jane Garbisch. The gentle trail crosses a small suspension bridge and follows a cascading creek to a majestic, 220-ft, three-tiered waterfall.

## Saturday, September 24

### Three Corner Rock, WA

**Moderate: 4.4 miles, 1,200-ft. elev. gain**

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with leader Jeff Richard. We'll hike a seldom-used trail that meanders through beautiful forests to panoramic views of five Cascade peaks.

## Sunday, September 25

### Getting to Know the Gorge Tour, OR/WA Driving Tour with Short Walks

Tour the Gorge in a van with Friends Executive Director Kevin Gorman. Learn Gorge history, geology, and today's top conservation issues. A great opportunity for long-time members and new folks alike. \$15 registration fee.

## Tuesday, September 27

### Lyle Cherry Orchard Hike

**Moderate: 4-5 miles, 1,500-ft. elev. gain**

Gorge Towns to Trails Project Manager Renee Tkach will guide us up steep slopes through oak woodlands to this spectacular Land Trust property. Learn trail history and future plans for this trail.

## Friday, September 30

### Remember, Restore, Reconnect: Historic Columbia River Highway, OR

**Driving Tour w/3 mi. hiking, 700-ft. elev. gain**

Join Kristen Stallman from ODOT for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Learn its history and design, and the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead as the highway is reconnected. We'll hike abandoned sections and visit several waterfalls. \$15 fee at registration.

## Saturday, October 1

### Lend-A-Hand Stewardship Cape Horn, WA

Help beautify the Cape Horn Overlook, planting native plants and enjoying Gorge views with Outdoor Programs Coordinator Maegan Jossy. Learn about this recreational enhancement project and trail history. Snacks and raffle prizes!

## Sunday, October 2

### Fish Wheels of the Gorge, WA

**Moderate: 2 miles, no elev. gain (rocky shoreline)**

Learn about the fish wheels of the Columbia Gorge with travel writer Scott Cook, author of *Curious Gorge*. Scott leads this history "tour" back to the late 1800s, when fish wheels churned along rugged shorelines on both sides of the river.

## Friday, October 7

### Indian Point, OR

**Strenuous: 7 miles, 2,800-ft. elev. gain**

Friends Field Representative Peter Cornelison will take the lead on this rugged hike through stunning

stands of old-growth forest, taking in views of Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams.

## Saturday, October 8

### Multnomah Falls Fire Recovery, OR

**Strenuous: 7 miles, 1,500-ft. elev. gain**

Join Friends hike leader Jim Denton as we pass through the 1991 Multnomah Falls fire area. Learn about the forest's recovery from the massive fire that almost destroyed Multnomah Falls Lodge and surrounding forests. We will hike one-way and return via shuttles to Bridal Veil.

## Saturday, October 8

### Elowah Falls, OR

**Moderate: 3.5 miles, 260-ft. elev. gain**

Explore one of the Gorge's highest waterfalls with leader Billie Anger, hiking past five waterfalls on this well-graded trail, good for the entire family. The falls cascade down a 280-foot rock face into a sparkling pool near the footbridge below.

## Sunday, October 9

### Pierce National Wildlife Refuge, WA

**Easy: 3 miles, 150-ft. elev. gain**

Birder Randy Fortish will lead us through oak woodlands, open fields, and riparian forests in this beautiful wetland area. Identify birds and learn about refuge management on this easy autumn hike.

## Tuesday, October 11

### Swale Canyon, WA

**Moderate: 6 miles, 300-ft. elev. gain**

Hike with wildlife biologist Bill Weiler and Klickitat Trail Conservancy board members along the old railbed into Swale Canyon, following bubbling Swale Creek. This out-and-back hike features massive rock formations, arid vegetation, and a chance to see numerous wildlife species.

## Thursday, October 13

### Hamilton Mountain, WA

**Strenuous: 9.4 miles, 2,100-ft. elev. gain**

Challenge yourself on this hike past Rodney, Hardy, and Pool of the Winds Falls with Field Representative Peter Cornelison. Our strenuous trek will lead us to fabulous panoramic views from the summit of Hamilton Mountain.

## Friday, October 14

### Catherine Creek, WA

**Moderate: 5-6 miles, 800-ft. elev. gain**

Unbeatable Gorge views and amazing rock formations are featured on this hike with leader Jim Denton. We'll learn from Conservation Legal Advocate Rick Till about Forest Service plans for this exceptional landscape.

Register for all our hikes at [www.gorgefriends.org](http://www.gorgefriends.org)

### Saturday, October 15

#### 25 Multnomah to Wahkeena Falls, OR

**Moderate: 4.8 miles, 1,540-ft. elev. gain**

Follow hike leader Billie Anger past ten cascading waterfalls on this loop hike along Wahkeena Creek, featuring cathedral forests and autumn foliage.

### Sunday, October 16

#### 25 Larch Mountain Crater Loop, OR

**Strenuous: 7 miles, 1,600-ft. elev. gain**

Hike through primeval old-growth forest to beautiful views of five volcanoes on this beautiful loop hike.

Learn about the trail's construction and design from Pacific Crest Trail members Kim and Pam Owen.

### Sunday, October 16

#### 25 M Cape Horn Loop, WA

**Strenuous: 6.8 miles, 1,630-ft. elev. gain**

Hike to breathtaking views at Cape Horn's new Nancy Russell Overlook. We'll learn the trail's history and plans from Gorge Towns to Trails Project Manager Renee Tkach as we hike this recently improved trail with partners from Cape Horn Conservancy.

### Tuesday, October 18

#### 25 Coyote Wall, WA

**Strenuous: 6.5 miles, 1,200-ft. elev. gain**

Walk along the crest of the Labyrinth, between Catherine Creek and Coyote Wall. Hike leader Jim Chase will guide us through oak groves and meadows with views of Coyote Wall. At the top, we'll enjoy sweeping Gorge vistas from high cliffs.

### Thursday, October 20

#### 🌲 Lend-A-Hand Stewardship

#### Dancing Rock, WA

Help remove skeleton weed, knapweed, and St. John's wort at this beautiful land trust property with Land Trust Manager Kate McBride, visiting a vernal pond and ice age floods traces amid stunning Gorge views.

### Friday, October 21

#### 25 Transit to Trailhead: Cape Horn Loop, WA

**Moderate: 6.8 miles, 1,630-ft. elev. gain**

Catch public transit from Portland with hike leader Scott Parker to reach the Cape Horn trailhead without a car. Fall foliage enhances the spectacular views from the newly constructed Nancy Russell Overlook.

### Saturday, October 22

#### 25 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Wahclella Falls Kids Hike, OR

**Easy: 1.8 miles, 380-ft. elev. gain**

Join hike leader Mary Ann Schmidt on this hike up salmon-filled Tanner Creek to thundering Wahclella Falls. Learn about salmon and witness their spawning grounds first hand. Great family outing!

### Sunday, October 23

#### 25 Klickitat Trail to Pitt, WA

**Two Hikes: Easy 4 miles, no gain, or**

**Mod/Strenuous, 8+ mi., 100-ft. elev. gain**

Celebrate the Klickitat Trail Conservancy's ninth anniversary. After pre-hike snacks, choose the leisurely 4-mile hike along the Wild and Scenic Klickitat River from the Klickitat Trailhead to Fisher Hill bridge, or continue for the full 8 miles to the little town of Pitt.

### Sunday, October 23

#### 25 M Beacon Rock Geology Hike

**Easy: 2 miles, 800-ft. elev. gain**

Ice Age Floods Institute member Jim Chase will lead us up iconic Beacon Rock to stunning Gorge views of autumn colors. Jim will describe the epic floods that shaped the Gorge, kicking off with a 20-minute Ice Age Floods presentation.

### Tuesday, October 25

#### 25 Triple Falls Loop, OR

**Moderate: 4.5 miles, 700-ft. elev. gain**

Join hike leader Jane Garbisch for a classic Gorge waterfall outing. The well-graded loop trail takes us past four sparkling waterfalls amid lush forest and deep canyons.

### Thursday, October 27

#### 25 Memaloose Hills, OR

**Moderate: 5 miles, 700-ft. elev. gain**

Hike leader Debbie Asakawa will lead the way across rolling hillsides dotted with oak groves to sweeping autumn views of the eastern Gorge.

### Saturday, October 29

#### 25 Latourell Falls Loop, OR

**Easy: 2.4 miles, 600-ft. elev. gain**

This loop with leader Ross Edginton will take in the picture-perfect lower and upper falls. At viewpoints along the way, we'll learn little-known history of the town of Latourell and the Historic Columbia River Highway bridge.

### Saturday, October 29

#### M Petroglyph Tour/Horsethief Butte, WA

**Easy: 2-3 miles, little elev. gain**

Amid the wide-open landscapes of the eastern Gorge, Washington State Park Ranger Chon Clayton will share native history as we visit the famed "She Who Watches" and other petroglyphs and rock images at Columbia Hills and Horsethief Butte.

### Sunday, October 30

#### M Dancing Rock, WA

**Easy: 3-4 miles, 500-ft. elev. gain**

Friends Outdoor Programs Coordinator Maegan Jossy leads this leisurely hike on land trust property to enjoy sweeping views, eastern Gorge autumn colors, and traces of the ice age floods.

### Friday, November 18

#### Hiker Social and National Scenic Area Birthday Bash

Visit [www.gorgefriends.org](http://www.gorgefriends.org) for details.

### January 2012

#### Bald Eagle Viewing at Balfour-Klickitat, WA

**Easy: 1 mile, 170-ft. elev. gain**

This annual winter outing is a prime opportunity to watch bald eagles along the Klickitat River. Wildlife biologist Cathy Flick will bring spotting scopes and introduce us to eagles that nest in this area. Date and details will be announced in early January.

