



RECREATION UPDATE

FALL GORGE HIKING OPPORTUNITIES

Numerous Washington and Oregon Gorge area trails & recreation areas available for fall hikers & travelers


The dramatic photos and accounts of communities upended by the Eagle Creek fire hit all who work with and live in the Columbia Gorge hard. There is a long journey ahead, but the Gorge is a resilient place.

While some popular Gorge spots remain closed to the fire, there are many trails and recreation areas to explore within the Gorge and neighboring areas. Friends of the Columbia Gorge has compiled a brief list of potential options below.





More information can be found at: gorgefriends.org/hikes. A list of fall activities being sponsored by Gorge communities and businesses is also available from the [Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance](http://ColumbiaGorgeTourismAlliance.com).




Favorite Gorge Trail Closed? Find a Different Hike

Names in bold are within the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area.


Places to see waterfalls: 

Washington Hiking & Recreation Areas


- [Augspurger Mountain](#)
- [Balfour-Klickitat Loop](#)
- [Cape Horn](#) 
- [Dog Creek Falls](#) 
- [Dog Mountain Loop](#)
- [Fort Cascades Heritage Trail Loop](#)
(Couple with [Strawberry Island Loop](#))
- [Gillette Lake & Greenleaf Overlook](#)
- [Lyle Cherry Orchard](#)
- [Sams Walker Loop](#)
- [St. Cloud Loop & Day Use Area](#)
- [Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge](#) (Gibbons Crk Trail seasonal-partial closure Oct. 1)
- [Table Mountain](#)
- [Washougal Waterfront Trail](#)
- [Weldon Wagon](#)
- [Whistle Punk Interpretive Trail Loop](#)
- [Battleground Lake State Park](#)
- **Beacon Rock State Park**
 - [Beacon Rock](#)
 - [Hamilton Mountain Loop](#) 
 - [Hardy & Rodney Falls \(Pool of the Winds\)](#) 
 - [Hardy Ridge Loop](#)
 - [River-to-Rock](#)

- **Catherine Creek Area**
 - [Catherine Creek Arch Loop](#)
 - [Catherine Creek Labyrinth](#)
 - [Catherine Creek Universal Access Loop](#)
- **Columbia Hills Historical State Park**
 - [Crawford Oaks Loop](#)
 - [Dalles Mountain Ranch to Stacker Butte](#)
 - [Horsethief Butte](#)
 - [Horsethief Lake Petroglyphs](#)
(Reservations: 509-439-9032)
- **Gifford Pinchot National Forest**
 - [Falls Creek Falls](#) 
 - [Mount. St. Helens West Side & Johnston Ridge Observatory](#)
 - [Mount. St. Helens East Side](#)
 - [Lewis River Falls](#) 
 - [Panther Creek Falls](#) 
- **Klickitat State Park Trail**
 - [Fisher Hill to Klickitat](#)
 - [Fisher Hill to Pitt](#)
 - [Lyle to Fisher Hill](#)
 - [Swale Canyon](#)

Oregon Hiking & Recreation Areas

- [Mosier Creek Falls](#) 
- [Mosier Plateau](#)
- [Mosier Twin Tunnels](#)
- [Rowena Plateau](#)
- [Sandy River Delta](#)
- [The Dalles Waterfront Trail](#)

- [Mount Hood National Forest](#)

- **Oregon State Parks**
 - [Bonnie Lure State Recreation Area](#)
 - [Dabney State Recreation Area](#)
 - [Deschutes River State Recreation Area](#)
 - [Lewis & Clark State Recreation Site](#)
 - [Government Island State Recreation Area](#)
 - [Memaloose State Park](#)
 - [Milo McIver State Park](#)
 - [Portland Women's Forum State Scenic Viewpoint](#)
 - [Rooster Rock State Park](#)
 - [Starvation Creek State Park](#) – rest area and [Starvation Creek Falls](#) open  (all other trails closed)



Upcoming Friends Fall Guided Hikes & Outings

- ✓ Sunday, Oct. 15 | Lyle Cherry Orchard and Wine Tasting (WA)
- ✓ Saturday, Oct. 21 | River to Crest Bike Ride (OR) | Led by Field Organizer Peter Cornelison
- ✓ Sunday, Oct. 22 | Sandy River Delta Evening Walk (OR)

About Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Friends of the Columbia Gorge is a nonprofit organization with over 7,000 members dedicated to protecting and enhancing the outstanding resources and communities of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.