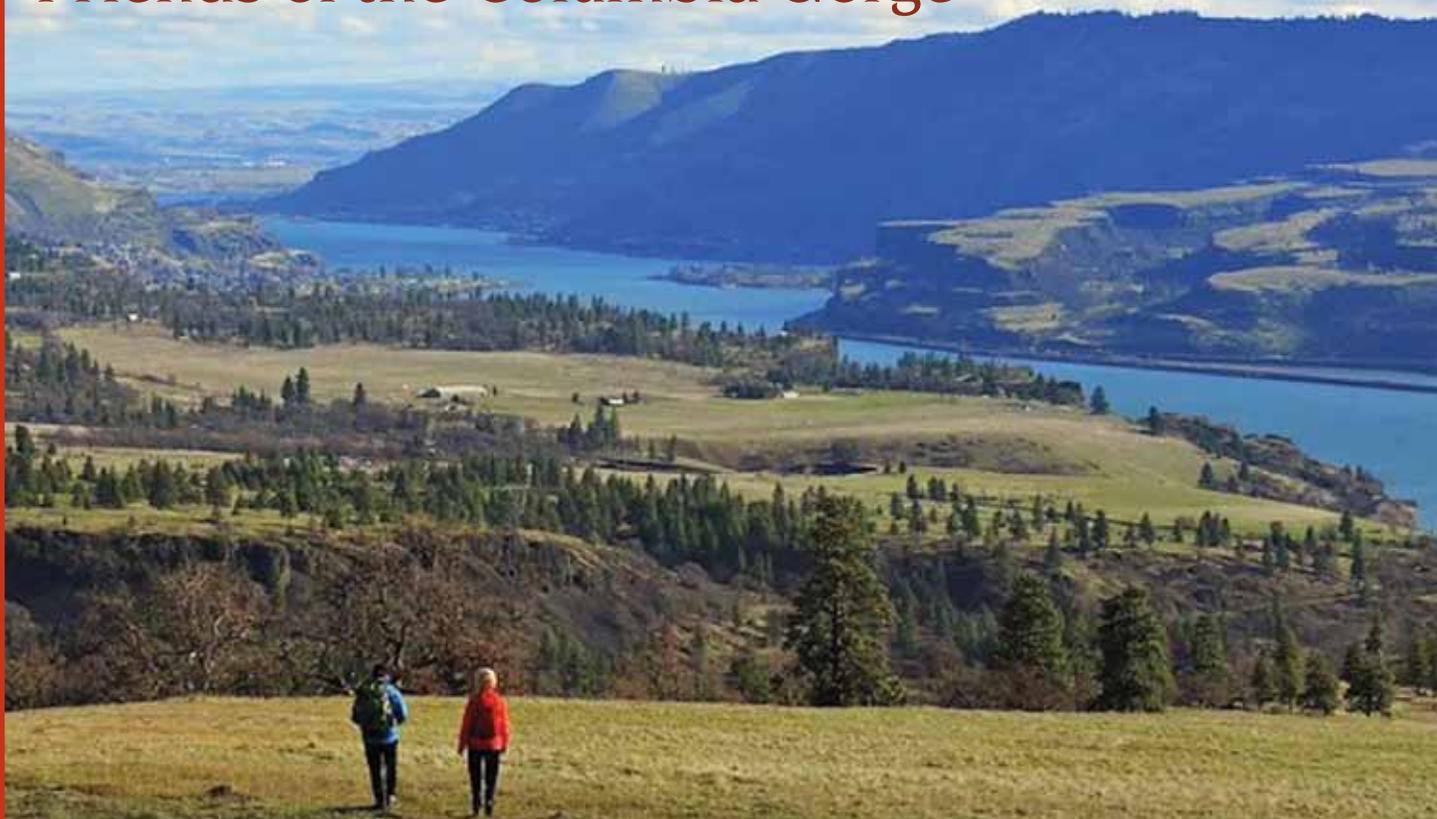


Friends of the Columbia Gorge



Hikes, Outings, & Stewardship

Fall 2016

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Friends of the Columbia Gorge

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

Caretakers of the Gorge

Whether hiking with Friends or on your own, we're all caretakers of the Gorge, and we encourage responsible hiking. Stay on the trail, use a trailhead boot brush, and carry out all trash. Leave no traces, take only memories – and photos!

Friends members enjoy early registration for all hikes and outings! Member registration is open now. General registration opens September 1. Register at www.gorgefriends.org/hikes.

Fall Outings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

🌲 **Lend-a-Hand Stewardship** **Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA**

Kick off the fall hiking season with Stewardship Coordinator Sara Woods. We'll install two boot brushes to help reduce the spread of invasive weeds on this beautiful property. No experience necessary.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

🔍 **Mosier Twin Tunnels Bike Ride, OR** **24 miles, 1200-ft elev. gain**

Ride from Hood River to Rowena Crest with Kim Owen on the Historic Highway, through the car-free Mosier Twin Tunnels, past vineyards, orchards, and river views.

📍🔍 **Mona Bell Hill and** **Tales of Tooth Rock, OR**

Easy: 2 miles, little elev. gain

Walk with John Harrison, author of *A Woman Alone*, along a section of Sam Hill's Columbia River Highway and learn about Hill's consort, Mona Bell. An Oregon State Park Ranger will share native and pioneer history and describe Samuel Lancaster's connection to the region.



Photo: Sevenstar, courtesy of Wikimedia

American pika.
See hike on
October 22.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

📍🍷 **Mosier Plateau, OR** **Easy: 3.5 miles, 600-ft elev. gain**

Enjoy panoramic views from the Mosier Plateau with Outreach Manager Maegan Jossy, and learn about this land trust property trail. Optional wine tasting and tour later at Analemma Winery.

White Salmon Rafting, WA

This full-day guided raft trip on the White Salmon River with Wet Planet Whitewater will wind through deep canyons where Condit Dam once blocked the river, then pass through Narrows Canyon and down to the Columbia River. Cost: \$130 incl. gear and lunch.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

📍🐾 **Hardy Creek Dog Hike, WA** **Mod/stren: 7.75 miles, 1330-ft elev. gain**

Dogs are welcome on this hike with leader Jean Akers at Hardy Creek. Enjoy gorgeous views on this dog-friendly climb to the saddle behind Hamilton Mountain.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

🔍🧑🏠 **Bridal Veil Falls and Loop, OR** **Easy: 1.2 miles, 70-ft elev. gain.**

Hear history and tales of Bridal Veil Falls State Park as we hike with Oregon State Park Ranger Dorothy Brown-Kwaiser, from its timber-company past up to today.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

📍🌟 **Larch Mtn. to Franklin Ridge, OR** **Strenuous: 8 miles, 2000-ft elev. gain**

Learn forest ecology, tree identification, and characteristics of wilderness on this hike with U.S. Forest Service Ranger Jon Erickson through old-growth forest in the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness.

🌟 **Pierce National Wildlife Refuge, WA** **Easy: 3 miles, little elev. gain**

Join birder Randy Fortish for a leisurely hike through this beautiful wetland area with oak woodlands and open fields.

📍🍷 **Volcano Ridge Vineyard, OR** **Easy: 2 miles, 600-ft elev. gain**

Enjoy this native white oak, ponderosa pine, and bunchgrass habitat, as Volcano Ridge Vineyard owner Alan Busacca describes the grape harvest and environmental practices. Followed by wine tasting. \$20 fee.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

🔍🧑🏠 **Pool of the Winds Falls** **and Little Beacon Rock, WA** **Easy: 2.5 miles, 500-ft elev. gain**

This hike to Pool of the Winds and Little Beacon Rock features an educational scavenger hunt with environmental educator Roland Begin. Learn botany, geology, and history as we hike. Great for the whole family.

📍🍷 **Catherine Creek Picnic** **and Botanical Talk, WA** **Easy: 1 mile, 200-ft elev. gain**

As we stroll to the natural rock arch, botanist Pappy Corbitt will describe medicinal properties of local plants. Wine tasting later at a Syncline Winery. \$10 fee.

Fall 2016 Icons

- 📍 Members Only
- 🔍 Hike Challenge 9/24–10/31:
Historic Highway Bingo!
- 🌟 Special Focus
- 🌲 Stewardship
- 🧑🏠 Family Friendly
- 🐾 Dog Friendly
- 🍷 *Trails to Ales Hike & Pub Visit*
- 🍷 *Wiking Hike & Wine Tasting*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

📍🍷 **Gibbons Creek Wildlife Walk, WA** **Easy: 2.75 miles, no elev. gain**

Learn about birds and trail plans on this easy hike through Steigerwald Wildlife Refuge with *Gorge Towns to Trails* Program Manger Renee Tkach. Later, enjoy a visit to 54-40 Brewery.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Nick Eaton Ridge, OR **Strenuous: 10.2 miles, 3100-ft elev. gain**

Climb the rugged Herman Creek trail with Field Representative Peter Cornelison to great Gorge views, as we learn current conservation challenges facing the Gorge.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

📍🍷 **Petroglyphs and Dancing Rock, WA** **Easy: 2-3 miles, little elev. gain**

Friends board member Jim Chase will lead us to ancient petroglyphs and rock images, including "She Who Watches," and to traces of the Ice Age Floods at Dancing Rock Land Trust property. Optional wine tasting later at Jacob Williams Winery.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Herman Creek Ancient Cedars, OR **Expert: 15 miles, 2600-ft elev. gain**

Hike past sparkling waterfalls and through towering stands of noble fir, hemlock, and Douglas fir with Jim Chase, to a stunning grove of ancient red cedar.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

📍🌟 **Watercolor Workshop** **at Beacon Rock State Park, WA**

Learn watercolor techniques at Beacon Rock in this day-long class with environmental scientist and artist Heather Brunelle. Beginners or advanced painters welcome. No hiking involved.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

🔍 **Horsetail, Ponytail, and Triple Falls, OR**

Moderate: 4.4 miles, 680-ft elev. gain

Leader Billie Anger will lead this classic Gorge hike to three waterfalls, including one we'll walk behind. Learn local history amid early autumn beauty on this comfortably-paced hike.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

🔍 **Maple Tree Hike, OR**

Moderate: 4 miles, 600-ft elev. gain

On this hike up the Elowah Falls and Upper McCord Falls trails with Tom Kloster, we'll learn to identify three species of maple trees that are native to the Gorge.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

🔍 **Larch Mountain Crater Loop, OR**

Mod/stren: 6 miles, 1100-ft elev. gain

Hike an enchanted old-growth forest with leader Ruth Johnson, out to Sherrard Point, where we'll enjoy views of the Columbia River and five major volcanic peaks.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

🔍 **Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA**

Moderate: 5 miles, 1500-ft elev. gain

Gorge Towns to Trails Project Manager Renee Tkach will guide us up to the old pioneer cherry orchard, sharing trail plans and stories of Sam Hill's historic "Convict Road." Optional wine tasting later at COR Cellars.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

🔍 **Multnomah-Wahkeena Falls, OR**

Moderate: 4.8 miles, 1540-ft elev. gain

Hike this famed waterfall trail lined in fall colors with Outreach Manager Maegan Jossy, past seven cascading waterfalls.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

★ **Gibbons Creek Bird Walk, WA**

Easy: 2.5 miles, no elevation gain

Columbia Gorge Refuge Stewards Dave Pinkernell and Jared Strawderman will share natural and cultural history on this hike at the Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge, where more than 200 avian species make their homes.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

🔍 **Wahclella Falls Salmon Hike, OR**

Easy: 1.8 miles, 300-ft elev. gain

Hike up Tanner Creek to thundering Wahclella Falls with Mary Ann Schmidt on this educational outing to witness fall spawning. Wonderful as a family outing.

🔍 **Sandy River Delta Hike, OR**

Easy: 4 miles, no elev. gain

Enjoy an easy hike at the Sandy River Delta with Bill Weiler of the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council, Jeff Schuh of Friends of the Sandy River Delta, and Courtney Yilk of Confluence. Learn geology, land ethics, and cultural history as we visit architect Maya Lin's Bird Blind. A dog-friendly outing.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

🔍 **Swale Canyon Bike Ride, WA**

Moderate: 28.5 miles, 1417-ft elev. loss

Ride the old railbed along Swale Creek with Field Representative Peter Cornelison. This one-way ride from Harms Road down to Lyle crosses some rough railroad rock and offers great views of massive rocks, arid landscape, and wildlife habitat. Involves a car shuttle.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

🔍 **Petroglyph Tour at Columbia Hills State Park, WA**

Easy: .5 mile, 50-ft elev. gain

A quiet walk on Yakama tribal land with leader Judy Todd to view petroglyphs and pictographs including Tsagaglalal, or She Who Watches. Learn historical perspectives and current challenges facing the Gorge.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

🌲 **Lend-a-Hand Stewardship**

Lyle Cherry Orchard, WA

Join Stewardship Coordinator Sara Woods to remove deteriorated wood fences and posts, so wildlife can traverse this land trust property unhindered. No experience necessary.

🔍 **Wildlife Ecology**

Excursion, OR/WA

Driving Tour with Short Walks

Explore several sites featuring rare wildlife habitat with wildlife biologist Bill Weiler, discussing the threats facing these species, and habitat enhancement. \$20 fee for van rental.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

🔍 **Sam Hill Tribute Tour, WA**

Driving Tour with Short Walks

Join Executive Director Kevin Gorman for a driving tour and short hikes celebrating Sam Hill. We'll visit the "Convict Road" (precursor to the Historic Columbia River Highway), and the Maryhill Museum grounds and Stonehenge replica, and Hill's unrealized utopian community. Winetasting later at Maryhill Winery. \$20 fee for van rental.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

🔍 **Waterfall Photography at Wahclella Falls, OR**

Easy: 2 miles, 380-ft elev. gain

Beginner photographers will learn basics of slow-shutter waterfall photography using their dSLR or similar digital camera. We'll stop often to learn tricks and techniques with photographers Tom Kloster and Brian Chambers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

🔍 **Two Klickitat River Rail-Trail Hikes, WA: Lyle to Fisher Hill Bridge**

Easy: 4 miles, 100-ft elev. gain

Pitt to Fisher Hill Bridge

Mod/Stren: 9 miles, 100-ft elev. gain

Celebrate Klickitat Trail Conservancy's 14th anniversary along the Wild and Scenic Klickitat River. Choose either the easy, short hike, or the longer, more strenuous hike.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

★ **Horsetail Falls Pika Hike, OR**

Easy: 1 mile, 500-ft elev. gain

A Cascade Pika Watch volunteer will lead this hike in Gorge habitat of the American pika, a small alpine creature considered a sensitive indicator of climate change. Citizen scientists are researching Columbia Gorge pika for clues to ways that warming temperatures will impact Gorge species.



*Wahkeena Falls.
See hike on October 7.*

Photo: Oliver Dalton

Register for all events at
www.gorgefriends.org/hikes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

🔍👤 Elowah Falls and Upper McCord Creek Falls, OR

Easy: 4 miles, 600-ft elev. gain

An educational scavenger hunt enriches this hike with environmental educator Roland Begin. Learn local plants, animals, geology, and history. Great for the whole family!

📄🔍 Latourell Falls, OR

Easy: 2.4 miles, 520-ft elev. gain

Hike this loop trail with leader Pappy Corbitt to lower and upper Latourell Falls. Learn about unique floral niches formed by millions of years of geologic activity, tectonic shifts, and the Missoula floods.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

🔍 Multnomah-Wahkeena Loop, OR
Moderate: 4.8 miles, 1540-ft elev. gain

Hike this stunning waterfall trail with Paul Gerald, author of *60 Hikes Within 60 Miles of Portland* and other guides. Paul will share the story of Perdition Trail, wiped out in the 1996 floods, and tales of other trails that interconnect in this beautiful area.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

🌲 Lend-a-Hand Stewardship
Mosier Plateau, OR

Join Stewardship Coordinator Sara Woods for trail work at the Mosier Plateau, installing directional signs, spreading gravel, and reseeding along the trail. No experience necessary.

Hikes, Outings, & Stewardship

Member Registration is Open!

Register at www.gorgefriends.org. Questions? Contact Outreach Manager Maegan Jossy at 971-634-2028 or maegan@gorgefriends.org.

General Information

- Hike distances listed are round-trip.
- Please note difficulty levels when choosing hikes:

Easy: Up to 3 miles, less than 700 ft. elev. gain

Moderate: Up to 5 miles, less than 1500 ft. elev. gain

Strenuous: Up to 10 miles, up to 2500 ft. elev. gain

Expert: More than 10 miles, steep trail, more than 2500 ft. elev. gain

- Our outings are very popular, so as a courtesy to other hikers, please only register if you're sure you will attend.
- Upon registration, you'll receive a confirmation email with details specific to your outing.
- Children are welcome with a parent or guardian. Please choose hikes appropriate for child's age and ability.
- Participants are responsible for their own safety.
- Dogs are only allowed on hikes with the "dog-friendly" icon; otherwise, please leave pets at home.
- Leave no traces, take only memories – and photos!

Carpool Information

- All outings have carpools from Gateway Transit Center (NE Portland), usually between 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Details per hike provided upon registration.
- Suggested carpool donation is \$7-\$12 per rider, depending on the outing and distance.

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017
★ Winter Bald Eagle Viewing
Easy: 1 mile, 170-ft elev. gain

This is a prime opportunity to watch bald eagles in the Columbia Gorge. A wildlife biologist will describe habits of this iconic species as we view them through spotting scopes. Date and details announced in January.

Bald eagle near the Columbia River.
Photo: Debbie Asakawa

Historic Highway Bingo

Explore the Highway like never before!

🔍 Friends' 2016 hike challenge, September 24–October 31, celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Register now and we'll send you your own bingo booklet.

www.gorgefriends.org/gorgebingo

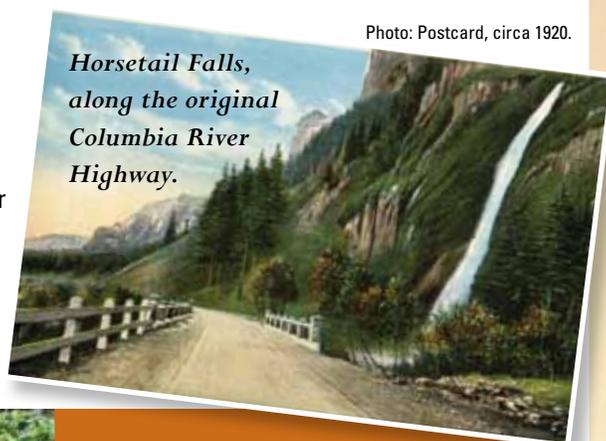


Photo: Postcard, circa 1920.

Horsetail Falls, along the original Columbia River Highway.

The Gorge Needs Best Friends!

Protect the Gorge trails you love **every month of the year** by becoming a monthly donor with a gift of \$10 or more. Keep your membership current, be a friend to the environment, and receive a free waterproof *National Geographic* Columbia Gorge trail map! Visit www.gorgefriends.org/bestfriends to start your monthly donation and receive your special gift.



Participants in our Great Gorge Wahoo program, out on the trail.



Photo: Julia Ford