

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

May 1997 Newsletter



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"Those who seek to slash funding for the Gorge Commission and reduce its effectiveness have severely misjudged the mood of the public. The passion and commitment to protect and enhance the Gorge was clearly evident at the April 21 forum. I intend to build on that support and enthusiasm in the months ahead." Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Setting the Vision for Gorge Future

Public, Governors, Senators, Voice Support for Funding Gorge Protection at Gorge Forum

On April 21, Congressman Earl Blumenauer sponsored the Columbia River Gorge Forum, hosted by McMenamins Edgefield. A standing-room-only crowd heard panels discuss issues and opportunities for economic development and recreation in the Gorge. Representatives from the offices of Governor Kitzhaber, Governor Locke, Senator Ron Wyden, and Senator Patty Murray spoke in support of funding Gorge protection through the Columbia Gorge Commission. Representative Marc Boldt from Washington, who has led the attack on the Gorge protection budget, spoke briefly. Representatives Val Ogden from Washington and Chris Beck from Oregon spoke in support of full funding for Gorge protection.

More than 20 people testified during public comment. The overwhelming majority of people supported Gorge protection, and several people raised concerns that the Act is not strong enough. Two representatives of Skamania *continued on page 5*

This 1994 photo (left) shows urban growth in Troutdale, Oregon, outside the western boundary of the National Scenic Area, and rural-scale development and farmlands within the Scenic Area east of the Sandy River. Cutting Gorge protection in this time of explosive population growth and development will put the Gorge at great risk.

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Executive Director's Letter

It is springtime, and the wildflowers are blooming in the Columbia Gorge. They are especially plentiful and spectacular on the public lands that have been acquired through the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Act.

Friends Spring Wildflower hikes bring people out into the Gorge to experience the wealth of nature in this most special place. Friends guided hikes are free of charge to the public, and are usually held at peak wildflower blooming times. In April — on a beautiful sunny day walking through a blooming wildflower meadow in eastern Washington — one of our hikers said, “it doesn’t get any better than this — this is heaven on earth.”

Without the Gorge Act’s public lands program, many people would never experience some of the most spectacular places in the Gorge. Why is this important? The Gorge is part of a region where up to 1 million new residents are expected over the next 25 to 40 years. Great changes are coming. Urban growth boundaries will be moved. Farm and forest land will be converted to residential and commercial development. Open spaces will be developed. Existing parks will become overused and stressed.

The Gorge Act’s public lands program provides the open space and outdoor experiences that Gorge residents and visitors both enjoy. The public lands program is also the closest thing to permanent

protection for the homes of rare and endangered plants and animals — some of which are found nowhere else in the world. Finally, parks and recreation are an important part of the quality of life that has attracted new business to the region.

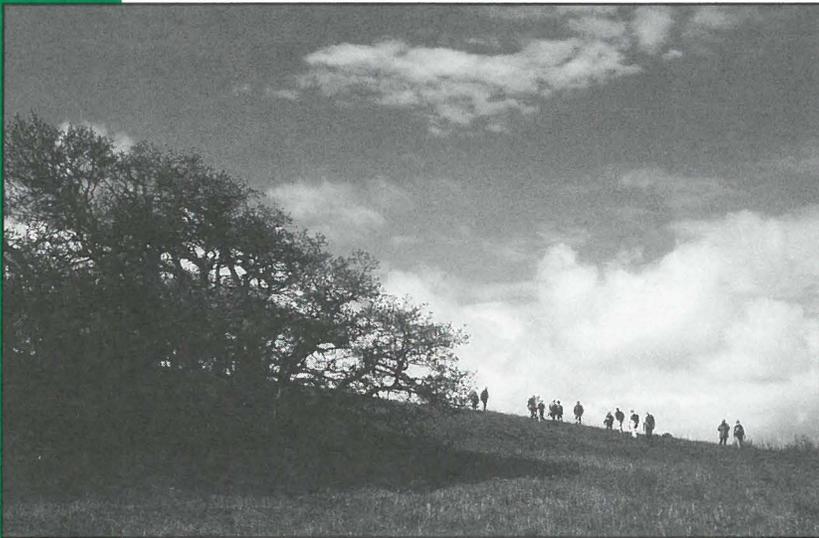
Across the Gorge, citizens are working to bring their communities’ recreation visions into reality. Wasco County residents envision a new riverfront trail to provide greater river access to the public. In Washington, citizens from Clark and Skamania counties are enthusiastic about an idea for a new park and trail system to link up many of the public lands in the Scenic Area. Friends and other groups are supporting proposals for new hiking trails

in the Rowena-Memaloose area near Tom McCall Preserve (see page 7). New bicycling paths linking Cascade Locks to Eagle Creek are taking shape. Friends is working with the U.S. Forest Service and REI to recruit volunteers to develop the Catherine Creek trail in Washington, which will be accessible by hikers and people using wheelchairs (see page 3).

These are just a few of the ideas that will add to the quality of life in the Columbia Gorge. But to accomplish these projects, and to hold on to the public lands and parks we already have, will not be easy. Shrinking federal and state budgets, and competition for scarce dollars, have put parks and public lands at risk. People who care about the natural and cultural resources in the Gorge, and the opportunities to enhance its world-class recreation, need to get involved in making sure there is a future for Gorge parks and public lands.

Lauri Aunan

Lauri Aunan
Executive Director



Gorge Watch

Citizen Involvement Update



Gorge Watch Conference '97

On Saturday, April 12, more than 40 people came to the Columbia Gorge Community College for Gorge Watch '97: Citizen Participation Conference. Workshops included Effective Lobbying Techniques, Finding Common Ground and Media Strategy. Hank Patton and Sue Hall of Strategic Environmental Associates, Karey Shawe of Rahane Forest Products and Greg Pennyroyal of Trout Lake Farm presented a panel on sustainable rural communities.

"Each year, this conference draws new folks who want to have an impact on the future of their community," said Friends Outreach Director Kristin Reese. "Giving people the tools to work proactively for change and providing interesting perspectives on relevant issues is what Gorge Watch is all about!"

The Gorge Watch Network is a group of conservation/environmental organizations and citizens interested in long term resource protection and quality of life issues in the Columbia Gorge region. If you would like to be part of the Gorge Watch Network, contact Kristin Reese at focg@teleport.com or 503-241-3762.

Thanks to W. Alton Jones Foundation, Dr. John Reynolds and many others who contributed to Gorge Watch '97. Special thanks to Dr. Bill Bell and his lovely wife Rosalee for hosting the Gorge Watch reception. It was a wonderful event that could not have happened without their gracious hospitality. ■

Friends Speakers Bureau is Starting Up

If you are interested in being a voice for the Columbia Gorge, we have a speakers bureau/volunteer training for you! Friends

has opportunities for volunteers to attend outdoor events this summer and to show our upcoming new slide show at meetings and events. Join us to see how you can get involved!

What: Volunteer/Speakers Bureau Workshop

Where: Water Resources Center
4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington

When: Saturday, May 31, 9:00 am - 12 noon

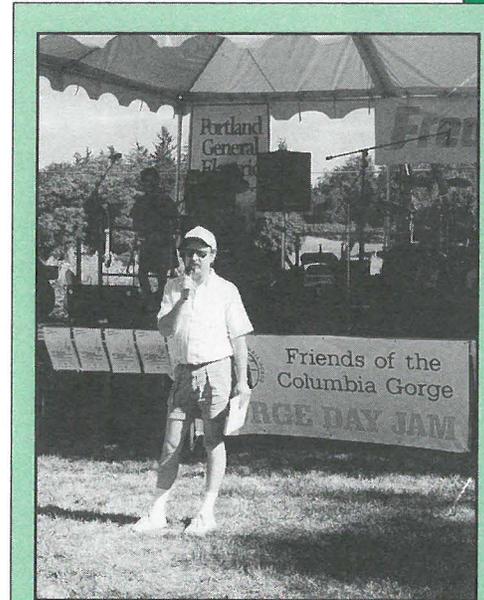
For more information, contact Kristin at 503-241-3762 or focg@teleport.com. Volunteers are vital to our mission! ■

Thanks to Our Great Volunteers!

Brendan Eiswerth's work in coordinating projects and participants for Gorge Appreciation Week is greatly appreciated! Thanks to Carmen Johnson for helping coordinate the Cascade Locks Earth Day Clean Up. Thanks to Loretta Johnston for all her help. Thanks to Cindy Humphreys for helping with registration at Gorge Watch '97 and the "One Family, One Home" Interfaith Earth Day Celebration. Jackie Fern has our gratitude for tabling at "One Family, One Home" and raising awareness about the Columbia River Gorge Forum. Ken Denis and Pat Sims also helped raise awareness about the Forum. Many thanks to Marilyn Holsinger for producing our hiking weekend brochure and to Richard Getgen, Ray Hayden, Roger and Helene Farmen for hiking help! ■

REI, Friends and the Forest Service – Together for National Trails Day

Saturday, June 7 is National Trails Day. To celebrate our great outdoors, you can help build a new trail in the Columbia Gorge. Friends, REI and the USDA Forest are seeking



Friends member Mark Rees spoke about the importance of Gorge protection at the 10th anniversary Gorge Day Jam in 1996. Learn about how you can add your voice for Gorge protection at our Volunteer/Speakers Bureau Workshop on May 31.

Photo by Lauri Aunan

more than 100 volunteers to build a barrier-free trail at Catherine Creek, Washington. The trail will be south of County Rd 1230 and will provide access for people of all abilities to one of the most spectacular wildflower areas in the eastern Gorge. The work party is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers must register in advance and may call or sign up at Portland REI, Jantzen Beach, (503) 283-1300, or Tualatin REI, (503) 624-8600. Ask for Marti Ebbert. ■

Gorge Appreciation Week May 17-23

Last year more than 200 volunteers helped clean up flood damage and restore native vegetation during the first ever Gorge Appreciation Week. With the generous support of Portland General Electric, Friends' second

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Friends, Gorge Residents Win Underwood Subdivision Appeal

In a public hearing on April 17, the Skamania County Board of Adjustment reversed an earlier county approval for development of a 42-lot subdivision platted in 1912. Friends of the Columbia Gorge had challenged the approval as illegal under state law and the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Act. In a 2-1 vote, the Board of Adjustment agreed that the ancient subdivision was invalid and could not be developed at the proposed urban density. Under Washington state law, old subdivisions are invalid unless they are already developed. State law also prohibits the sale of lots from old, expired subdivisions.

"Approval of this ancient subdivision would have led the way to urban density development in the rural community of Underwood," said Michael Lang, conservation director for Friends of the Columbia Gorge. "We are elated that the Board voted to protect the rural character of Underwood and the quality of life of its residents. This should end efforts to resurrect and develop old subdivisions in the Gorge."

The owner of the 16-acre parcel, Paul Tate, is not precluded from further developing his property. Current zoning under the National Scenic Area allows development at a rural density of one house per five acres.

The hearing was attended by more than one dozen Underwood residents, who raised concerns about the subdivision's impact on the rural quality of life and the local infrastructure, which is struggling with inadequate drinking water supplies.

"We hope this is the last proposal we'll see to urbanize the rural Columbia Gorge," said



Lang. "Unfortunately, there is a pending application to develop old subdivision lots across from Multnomah Falls in Prindle. This threat to the Gorge may not be over yet."

Friends was represented by Gary Kahn of Reeves, Kahn & Eder and David Mann of Bricklin & Gendler, and assisted by Land Use Intern Andrea Tonn. ■

Gorge Appreciation Week

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annual Gorge Appreciation Week will increase public involvement in Gorge stewardship. Projects throughout the Gorge include planting native vegetation and trail work in damaged areas. Gorge-lovers of all ages are invited to volunteer!

For a list of projects, call Kristin or Brendan at 503-241-3762 or E-mail focg@teleport.com. You can also find our projects on Friends website, www.europa.com/~kbsadler/ColumbiaGorge/html ■

We Need Your E-mail Address

by Ken Sadler

For those of you who are connected to the Internet,

your e-mail address will enable us to keep you better informed as to what is happening in the Gorge. In times like these, the sooner you know of the problems that arise, the better able you will be to help us do something about them. By the same token, the sooner you know of the good things that are happening the easier it will be to participate.

Send your E-mail address to Friends Outreach Director Kristin Reese at focg@teleport.com.

You can also send your E-mail address to Ken Sadler at kbsadler@europa.com. I am maintaining Friends website and am always looking for new Gorge enthusiasts to exchange information and learn more about what is happening in the Gorge. ■

Photo: Friends legal work and opposition from Gorge residents has halted a proposal for a 42-lot subdivision on this 16-acre parcel in Underwood, Washington. The land-owner is not precluded from development; the Gorge Act allows development at a rural density.

Setting the Vision for Gorge Future

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County testified in favor of cutting the Gorge Commission budget and giving the Commission's funding to the counties.

The Forum was held in an atmosphere of great concern about the future management of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. In a major attack on Columbia Gorge protection, the Washington and Oregon state legislatures have slashed funding for the Columbia River Gorge Commission by 72 percent.

"Opponents of Gorge protection tried to get Congress to repeal or



Louie Pitt Jr., Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, spoke passionately about the important cultural and natural heritage of the Columbia Gorge, and warned against placing economic interests above the irreplaceable resources of the Gorge.

photo by Ken Denis

support the economy by encouraging growth to occur in existing urban areas.

The Gorge Commission provides long-term, regional planning for the entire Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. Although Friends is concerned that the Gorge Commission has not fully lived up to its responsibilities to enforce violations of the law and monitor and evaluate whether Gorge resources are being protected, Friends strongly supports full funding for the Commission.

"Individual counties simply cannot provide regional planning and protection for the entire 85 miles of the National Scenic Area on both sides of the Columbia River," said Aunan. "With up to one million new residents moving to the Metro area over the next 25 years, the Gorge will be under tremendous development pressure. We can't afford to give up long-term protection for the future of the Gorge."

Friends is evaluating legal options in the event the Gorge Commission is disestablished as currently proposed. Governor John Kitzhaber and Governor Gary Locke are working to ensure full funding for the Gorge Commission. ■

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Call or fax the Governors, thank them for their support, and urge their continued commitment to Gorge Commission funding.

Gov. Kitzhaber:
(503) 378-4582
Fax: (503) 378-8970

Gov. Locke:
(360) 753-6780
Fax: (360) 753-4110

Call your state Representative and Senator today! For more information, contact Kristin Reese at (503) 241-3762 or e-mail focg@teleport.com.

Membership Form

Join Friends of the Columbia Gorge

- \$35 Family
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- \$15 Student/Senior
- Other: \$ _____

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YES, I want to volunteer for the Gorge

- Adopt-A-Highway Litter Pickups
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- Attending Hearings
- Technical Support
- Other: _____

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"Eliminating the commission, while attractive to those who oppose land-use restrictions in the gorge, will actually create more problems than the Legislatures have anticipated...I hope legislators will change course and fully fund the commission. Too much has been done, and too much is left to be done, to abandon the ship now."

Senator Mark Hatfield, The Oregonian, April 21, 1997.

weaken the Act, and failed. They tried to kill the Gorge Act through lawsuits, and failed. Now opponents may succeed in gutting the Gorge Act by killing the agency responsible for Gorge protection," said Lauri Aunan, Friends executive director.

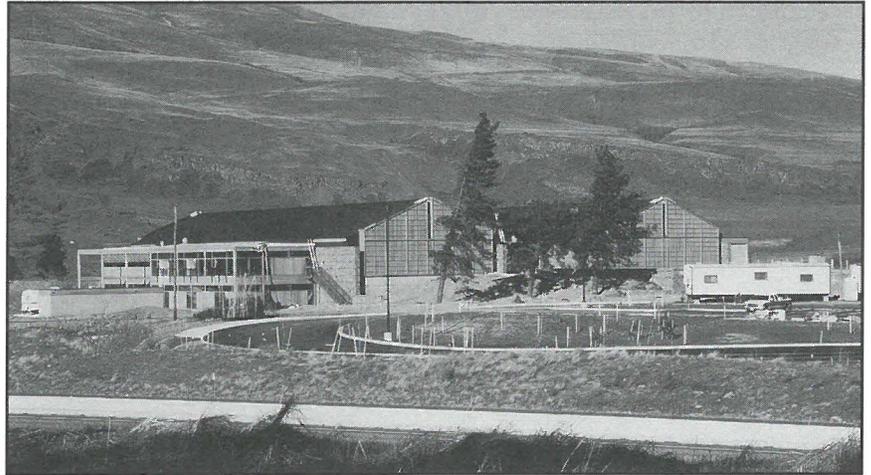
The Gorge Commission was created to achieve the purposes of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, passed by Congress and signed by President Reagan in 1986. The purposes of the Gorge Act are (1) to protect the scenic, cultural, recreational and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge; and (2) to protect and

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center to Open

The public is invited—Doors Open May 24

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Wasco County Historical Museum will open to the public at noon on Saturday, May 24, 1997. It will be a lively, friendly, full-service education and interpretive center dedicated to public programming that meets the needs of local citizens throughout the Gorge, visitors from the greater Portland area, and tourists from around the world. A walk through the Discovery Center will provide a sense of discovery, with interactive exhibits and outdoor displays including geology, weather, natural history, Native American culture and history, the Oregon trail, travel in the Gorge, industries and stewardship.

The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center is a model for public-private cooperation, with funding and support provided by the federal government through the Columbia Gorge National Scenic



At Crates Point above the Columbia River, the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center will open its doors to the public on May 24. This photo shows the Center under construction in 1996. Photo by Ken Denis

Area, Wasco County, Citizens for the Gorge Discovery Center, private businesses, foundations, and memberships.

With more than 100,000 visitors expected in the first year of operation, the Discovery Center will be an engine for economic growth in The Dalles and the

Gorge region. The Center will also be a voice for stewardship of the magnificent natural and cultural resources of the Columbia Gorge.

For more information about the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, call (541) 296-8600. ■

photos by Carmen Johnson



Volunteers Gather for Earth Day Clean Up

Hard work pays off to restore the Gorge's unspoiled beauty

by Carmen Johnson

On Saturday, April 19th, 50 volunteers got together to clean up illegal dumpsites along the Historic Columbia River Highway in Cascade Locks, Oregon. People from Cascade Locks Lions Club, CH2M Hill, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and many others volunteered their Saturday morning to help clean-up the dumpsites in preparation for a proposed bike trail from Cascade Locks to the Eagle Creek trail.

The group pitched in to remove everything from litter to major household appliances

(specifically, a refrigerator!). More than 100 tires, 800 pounds of scrap metal and 112 bags of litter were pulled out of the soggy ditches. Local businesses took the time to come out and collect the materials for recycling or proper disposal.

Despite the rain, everyone was in good spirits and had a fun time. Thanks to SOLV for helping coordinate the day and providing refreshments! Many thanks to those of you who took the time to be part of the solution in the Earth Day Spirit! ■

Friends News...

Friends Releases a Vision for the Rowena Area

A vision for the Rowena Area: Rich in Resources — Rich in Beauty," is a collaborative project coordinated by Friends of the Columbia Gorge with Central Cascades Alliance, Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association, Columbia River United, Hood River Valley Residents Committee, The Native Plant Society of Oregon, The Nature Conservancy and the Trust for Public Land.

Situated between Hood River and The Dalles, the Rowena Area is noted for open, oak-pine savanna landscapes and amazing wildflower displays in the spring. You may be familiar with the Tom McCall Natural Area Preserve owned by The Nature Conservancy in this area. You may not know that the U.S. Forest Service has acquired many acres of land in this area through purchase from willing landowners. The vision for the future of the Rowena Area promotes a coordinated effort for protecting the important natural and cultural resources of the area while enhancing non-commercial recreation.

Some highlights of the recreation potential in the Rowena Area — located on public land or land which private landowners have willingly dedicated for public access — include:

- An expanded trail linking the Memaloose Rest Area on I-84 with Rowena Dell, Rowena Plateau, Sevenmile Hill, the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in The Dalles, and The Dalles Riverfront Trail.
- A new trail, a portion of which would provide access to a wildflower viewing area for people using wheelchairs.
- Recreation Trail No. 31, as outlined in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Management Plan, which would include a picnic area.

The Forest Service will be adopting a plan for managing its public lands in the Rowena Area. The Rowena Vision will provide information and recommendations for management of this very important landscape.

photo by Ken Denis



Fields of balsamroot invite hikers to explore the Memaloose Hills Area.

Friends is grateful for the generous support of the Mazamas, the Autzen Foundation and the Oregon Roadside Council, without which the Rowena Vision could not have been produced. ■

Robin Cody To Speak at Friends Summer Picnic

by Nancy Russell

Mark Sunday, July 20 on your calendar now for the Friends Summer Picnic! We have been invited to share the waterfront home of Mac and Molly Jones and Pat and Jim Prochaska.

Our special guest speaker, Robin Cody, is author of *Voyage of the Summer Sun*, the account of his 82-day solo canoe trip down the Columbia River, for which he won the 1995 Oregon Book Award for literary non-fiction and the 1996 Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Book Award. Mr. Cody will speak "Of Time and The Columbia."

Before the picnic, we will tour the new Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and the Wasco County Historical Museum. The tour will start at 9:30 a.m. ■



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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 Calendar

Friends Wish List

Your donation of any of this office equipment will help our Gorge protection work!

- Computer and monitor: 486 or preferably Pentium-133, 32 MB RAM, 1.2 GB HD. With increased staff and workload, another computer is greatly needed.
- Laser Printer or bubble-jet that can handle constant use
- Scanner: Twain-Compliant (this works well with WP 6.1), color would be nice. Preferably not a flat bed scanner-we don't have room! We have a programmable fax program on our computer, and a scanner would allow us to utilize this software along with many other tasks.
- Programmable Plain-Paper Fax Machine: A programmable fax machine will allow staff to save valuable time!

Gorge Appreciation Week May 17-23

Join us to clean up parks and trails, plant native vegetation and more! For information, call Kristin or Brendan, (503) 241-3762.

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center Opening Day May 24

Noon, The Dalles, Oregon
For information call (541) 296-8600.

17th Annual Gorge Hiking Weekend June 14-15

See you on the trails!

Friends Summer Picnic July 20

Watch for your invitation in the mail!

Columbia Gorge Commission

Meetings held monthly. The Gorge Commission needs to hear from interested citizens about protecting the Gorge. For dates, locations and other information call Kristin, (503) 241-3762, E-mail focg@teleport.com

Three Perspectives-Columbia Gorge Art

June 14 - July 12, Stevenson Public Library, Stevenson, Washington, Monday - Saturday

Friends board member Ken Denis, Friends member Lisa Orley, and Linda Talent of Stevenson, present a mixed media show of watercolor, watercolor and ink, and photography. For information call Marna, (503) 241-3762

Historic Columbia River Highway 1913-1922

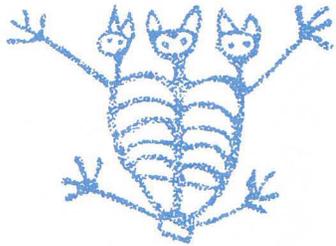
August 29-Nov.15, Maryhill Museum of Art, Goldendale, Washington, 509-773-3733

Detailed drawings and rare photographs show historical and engineering accomplishments of the old Columbia River Highway.

photo by Ken Denis



Come hike with us!



Gorge Hiking Weekend June 14 & 15, 1997

LEADERS from seventeen local outdoor groups are volunteering their time and expertise to guide you all over the Gorge. Choose from over thirty 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 17th Annual Gorge Hiking Weekend. See why the Columbia River Gorge is a world-famous attraction, and how magnificent is its natural beauty.

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Oregon Historical Society



WHAT TO BRING:

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

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 noted are round-trip.

QUESTIONS:

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

HIKING COMMITTEE:

Richard Getgen, chairman	
Ken Denis	Ray Hayden
Helene Farnen	Kristin Reese
Roger Farnen	Nancy Russell

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Donation to driver of 5 cents per mile is recommended.

DOT:

Department of Transportation parking lot, a half block north of Glisan on N.E. 60th Avenue, Portland.

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VOLKSSPORT WALKS:

These are self-guided walks in which the participants will follow a route which is marked or will be supplied with a map of the trail. These hikes are available for Friday, June 13th, as well as for Saturday and Sunday.

FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA
GORGE 17th Annual

Gorge Hiking Weekend

Saturday & Sunday,
June 14 & 15, 1997

... we passed several beautiful cascades which fell from a great height over the stupendous rocks which close the river on both sides nearly ... the most remarkable of these cascades falls about 300 feet perpendicularly over a solid rock ... several small streams fall from a much greater height and in their descent become a perfect mist ...

— Journals of Lewis and Clark, 1806



Ken Denis

The passage of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Act in 1986 protects and enhances the scenic beauty, natural and cultural heritage, and recreational opportunities in the Gorge. The Act also supports economic development in Gorge communities.

This year, the Friends of the Columbia Gorge offers its 17th Annual Hiking Weekend for hikers and others to walk the trails of the Gorge through the canyons and up onto the ridges.

Unsurpassed natural beauty awaits you in the world-renowned Columbia River Gorge.

All of the activities listed in this brochure are offered without charge. The leaders of the hikes and other activities are volunteers from various regional outdoor organizations:
Bergfreunde Ski Club
Columbia River Volkssport Club
Desert Trail Association
Friends of the Columbia Gorge

Friends of Tryon Creek
Gifford Pinchot Task Force
Lake Oswego Parks & Recreation
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SATURDAY HIKES, June 14, 1997

HORSEBACK RIDE

Sandy River Delta. From mid-morning to early afternoon, 3-4 groups will ride the route designated by the U.S.F.S. plan. Bring own horse and OET membership card. Membership available on ride day. Membership is required due to insurance limitations. Distance 12 miles, elevation gain 20 feet. Meet at parking area on North end of Lewis & Clark State Park (I-84 Exit 18). OREGON EQUESTRIAN TRAILS—COLUMBIA GORGE CHAPTER: Valerie Lantz (503) 668-3083.

EASY HIKES

Horsethief Lake State Park. Pictograph/petroglyph tour in an environmentally sensitive area. Limited to 30 people. Distance 1 mile, no elevation gain. Meet 10:00 AM at trailhead parking lot near river. WASHINGTON STATE PARKS: Julie Davis (509) 767-1159. Call for reservations by June 6.

Bonneville Dam/Eagle Creek Overlook. A volkswalk alongside a newly opened portion of the old Historic Columbia River Highway. Distance 6.2 miles (10K), elevation gain 100 feet. Start any time 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Robins Island, Bonneville Dam (I-84 Exit 40). COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB: John Miller (503) 224-1153.

Gorge Trail 400 to Cascade Locks. A volkswalk along Trail 400 and portions of the Historic Columbia River Highway including Ruckel Creek Bridge. Distance 6.2 miles (10K), elevation gain 300 feet. Start any time 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Eagle Creek Overlook (I-84 Exit 41). COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB: John Miller (503) 224-1153.

Bonneville Dam/Wahclella Falls. A volkswalk visiting the navigation lock, a forested streamside trail and historic fish hatcheries. Walk Tanner Creek Canyon to a spectacular waterfall. Distance 6.2 miles (10K), elevation gain 380 feet. Start any time 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Robins Island, Bonneville Dam (I-84 Exit 40). COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB: John Miller (503) 224-1153.

Pool of the Winds. Gentle hike through the forest with views of the Gorge and a scenic waterfall on Hardy Creek. Distance 3 miles, elevation gain 850 feet. Meet 10:00 AM at Beacon Rock State Park Picnic Area. NATURE FRIENDS NORTHWEST: Thomas Friedmann (360) 254-9104.

Three-Corner Rock. Ascend the Pacific Crest Trail to the site of an abandoned fire lookout with views of five glaciated peaks. Distance 4.4 miles, elevation gain 800 feet. Meet 8:00 AM at Hood River County Courthouse or 9:00 AM at Skamania County Courthouse, Stevenson. DESERT TRAIL ASSOCIATION: Dan Chamness (541) 386-5375.

Bonneville Dam/Wauna Viewpoint. A volkswalk starting at the dam and progressing on forested trails to a beautiful vista of the whole mid-Gorge area. Distance 6.2 miles (10K), elevation gain 800 feet. Start any time 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Robins Island, Bonneville Dam (I-84 Exit 40). COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB: John Miller (503) 224-1153.

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MODERATE HIKES

High Valley. Hike through the high meadows of High Valley Farm and through the forest to a viewpoint of the Oregon side of the Gorge. Distance 5 miles, elevation gain 980 feet. Meet 9:30 AM at DOT or 10:00 AM at Pendleton Woolen Mills in Washougal. MAZAMAS: Roy Stout (503) 253-8170.

Triple Falls Loop. A pleasant hike through beautiful forests, passing basalt cliffs, scenic overlooks and five spectacular waterfalls: Horsetail, Ponytail, Oneonta, Upper Oneonta, and Triple Falls. Distance 4.5 miles, elevation gain 900 feet. Meet 8:00 AM at 122nd & Burnside Park and Ride or 8:45 AM at Horsetail Falls. MAZAMAS: Billie Goodwin (503) 254-6121.

Lyle Cherry Orchard. First mile of the trail ascends steeply through magnificent open meadows, then the route flattens out in oak groves to a viewpoint of the eastern Gorge. Hiking boots recommended. Distance 6 miles, elevation gain 1,400 feet. Meet 8:00 AM at DOT or 9:30 AM at Bridge Mart (north end of Hood River Bridge). MAZAMAS: Heather Rosenwinkel (503) 244-9016.

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Augsperger Mountain. Hike along scenic north ridge, past wildflower meadows with spectacular views of the Gorge from Augsperger Mountain and Cook Hill. Distance 8 miles, elevation gain 1880 ft. Meet 7:30 AM, Lewis & Clark State Park, I-84, Exit 18. MAZAMAS: Frank & Charlotte Head (503) 253-4632.

Nesika via Franklin Ridge. Hike Larch Mountain Trail to Franklin Ridge Trail; lunch at Trails Club Lodge. Return to Multnomah Falls via Cougar Rock. Distance 9 miles, elevation gain 1,900 feet. Meet 8:30 AM at Lewis & Clark State Park or 9:00 AM at Multnomah Falls Lodge drinking fountain. TRAILS CLUB OF OREGON: June Smelser (503) 668-4060.

STRENUOUS HIKES

Hamilton Mountain. Loop hike past pair of waterfalls and rocky outcroppings of dramatic basalt cliffs. Panoramic views of the Gorge and Cascade Landslide. Return along wooded Hardy Creek. Distance 8.5 miles, elevation gain 2,200 feet. Meet 8:00 AM at DOT. MAZAMAS: Roy Sires (503) 646-2850.

Dog Mountain. Continuous, steep ascent through a forest to hanging wildflower meadows overlooking the Gorge with a view of Mt. Hood. Distance 7 miles, elevation gain 2,900 feet. Meet 8:30 AM at Lewis & Clark State Park or 9:45 AM Trailhead (Hwy. 14, 12 miles east of Bridge of Gods). FRIENDS OF TRYON CREEK: Ray Hayden (503) 253-9856.

Green Point Mountain. Ascend the steep Wyeth Trail to former lookout site with view of four glaciated peaks, returning via Rainy Lake and North Lake. Distance 14 miles, elevation gain 4,800 feet. Meet 7:30 AM DOT or 8:30 AM Wyeth Campground (I-84 Exit 51). MAZAMAS: Rich Conser (503) 697-4310.



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SUNDAY HIKES, June 15, 1997

BIKE TOURS

Multnomah Falls and beyond. Bike the Scenic Highway to Crown Point, Multnomah Falls, and Ainsworth State Park. Flat return option. Distance 42 miles. Meet 9:45 AM at Lewis & Clark State Park, Troutdale. PORTLAND WHEELMEN TOURING CLUB: Paul Roscoe (503) 234-2732.

EASY HIKES

Latourell Falls Loop. A pair of waterfalls, maple woods, and a rushing stream create a sampler of the Gorge attractions. Distance 2.3 miles, elevation gain 600 feet. Meet 10:00 AM at DOT or 10:30 AM at Latourell Falls Trailhead. MAZAMAS: Carolyn Jenkins (503) 284-0373.

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Bonneville Dam/Eagle Creek Overlook. A volkswalk alongside a newly opened portion of the old Historic Columbia River Highway. Distance 6.2 miles (10K), elevation gain 100 feet. Start any time 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Robins Island, Bonneville Dam (I-84 Exit 40). COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB: John Miller (503) 224-1153.

Gorge Trail 400 to Cascade Locks. A volkswalk along Trail 400 and portions of the old Historic Columbia River Highway including Ruckel Creek Bridge. Distance 6.2 miles (10K), elevation gain 300 feet. Start any time 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Eagle Creek Overlook (I-84 Exit 41). COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB: John Miller (503) 224-1153.

Bonneville Dam/Wahclella Falls. A volkswalk visiting the navigation lock, a forested streamside trail and historic fish hatcheries. Walk Tanner Creek Canyon to a spectacular waterfall. Distance 6.2 miles (10K), elevation gain 380 feet. Start any time 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Robins Island, Bonneville Dam (I-84 Exit 40). COLUMBIA RIVER VOLKSSPORT CLUB: John Miller (503) 224-1153.

Memaloose Hills. A delightful ramble on gentle grades 3 miles east of Mosier. Explore an historical roadway and hike across rolling meadows up to several 360-degree viewpoints. Distance 5 miles, elevation gain 900 feet. Meet 8:00 AM at SE corner of Gateway Transit Center (I-84 exit 7) or 9:30 AM at Memaloose Rest Area (I-84 MP 72, eastbound). NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON: Russ Jolley and FRIENDS OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE: Nancy Russell (503) 292-8518.

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Tom McCall Point. Discover the flora and fauna found on one of the Nature Conservancy of Oregon's most spectacular preserves. Climb to McCall Point for a view of Mount Hood and Mt. Adams. Distance 3 miles, elevation gain 1,250 feet. Meet 10:30 AM at Rowena Overlook (I-84 Exit 69, then drive 7 miles east of Mosier). NATURE CONSERVANCY: Charlie Quinn (503) 230-1221.

MODERATE HIKES

Wind Mountain. Steady, moderate climb to summit with wonderful views of mid-Gorge. Distance 6 miles, elevation gain 1,500 feet. Meet 10:00 AM at DOT or 11:00 AM at Bridge of the Gods, north end. LAKE OSWEGO PARKS & RECREATION: Ron Christenson (503) 636-5808.

Larch Mountain in Washington. From Grouse Vista, hike to beargrass meadows and far-ranging views of the western Gorge. Contact leader if interested in the amount of beargrass in bloom this year. Distance 6 miles, elevation gain 1,500 feet. Meet 8:30 AM Pendleton Woolen Mills parking lot, Washougal. GIFFORD PINCHOT TASK FORCE & WASHINGTON TRAILS ASSOCIATION: Tom & Diana Gordon (360) 835-7748.

Grassy Pass. Wildflower meadows, abandoned site of fire lookout, sweeping views of the Columbia River, two glaciated peaks, and 300,000 year old lava beds. Distance 6.5 miles, elevation gain 1,500 feet. Meet 8:00 AM at DOT or 8:45 AM at Bridge of the Gods, north end. MAZAMAS: Richard Getgen (503) 598-8788.

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STRENUOUS HIKES

Wygant Peak Loop. Ascend the forested Chetwoot Trail to this forested summit with views of the Gorge and wildflowers along the trail, descending the Wygant Trail. Distance 8 miles, elevation gain 2,400 feet. Meet 8:15 AM at Lewis & Clark State Park or 9:00 AM Mitchell Point Overlook (I-84 Exit 58). MAZAMAS: Gerry van Deene (503) 669-0778.

Indian Point Loop. Climb steep Nick Eaton Trail through hanging meadows and forest, cutting over to unique rock outcropping. Descend forested Gorton Creek Trail. Distance 8 miles, elevation gain 2,900 feet. Meet 9:15 AM at Burns Brothers Truck Stop (under sign) or 10:00 AM at Columbia Gorge Work Center (I-84 Exit 44, then drive 3 miles east on Forest Lane.) BERG-FREUNDE: Captain Bob Lubach (503) 284-5196.

Table Mountain. Rugged hike to flat-topped summit of this Gorge sentinel. Breathtaking views of Gorge and four glaciated peaks; abundant wildflowers. Distance 9 miles, elevation gain 3,250 feet. Meet 7:30 AM at SE corner of Gateway Transit Center (I-84 exit 7) or 8:15 AM at Beacon Rock State Park. MAZAMAS: Jim Wallace (503) 640-2090.

Mount Defiance. Climb infamous Mt. Defiance (highest point in the Gorge) with majestic panorama from the summit. Ascend Starvation Ridge, descend Mt. Defiance Trail. Distance 14 miles, elevation gain 4,900 feet. Meet 8:00 AM Troutdale Outlet Mall (I-84 Exit 17) or 9:00 AM Starvation Creek State Park (I-84 Exit 55). PTARMIGANS: Douglas Brown (503) 255-5960.