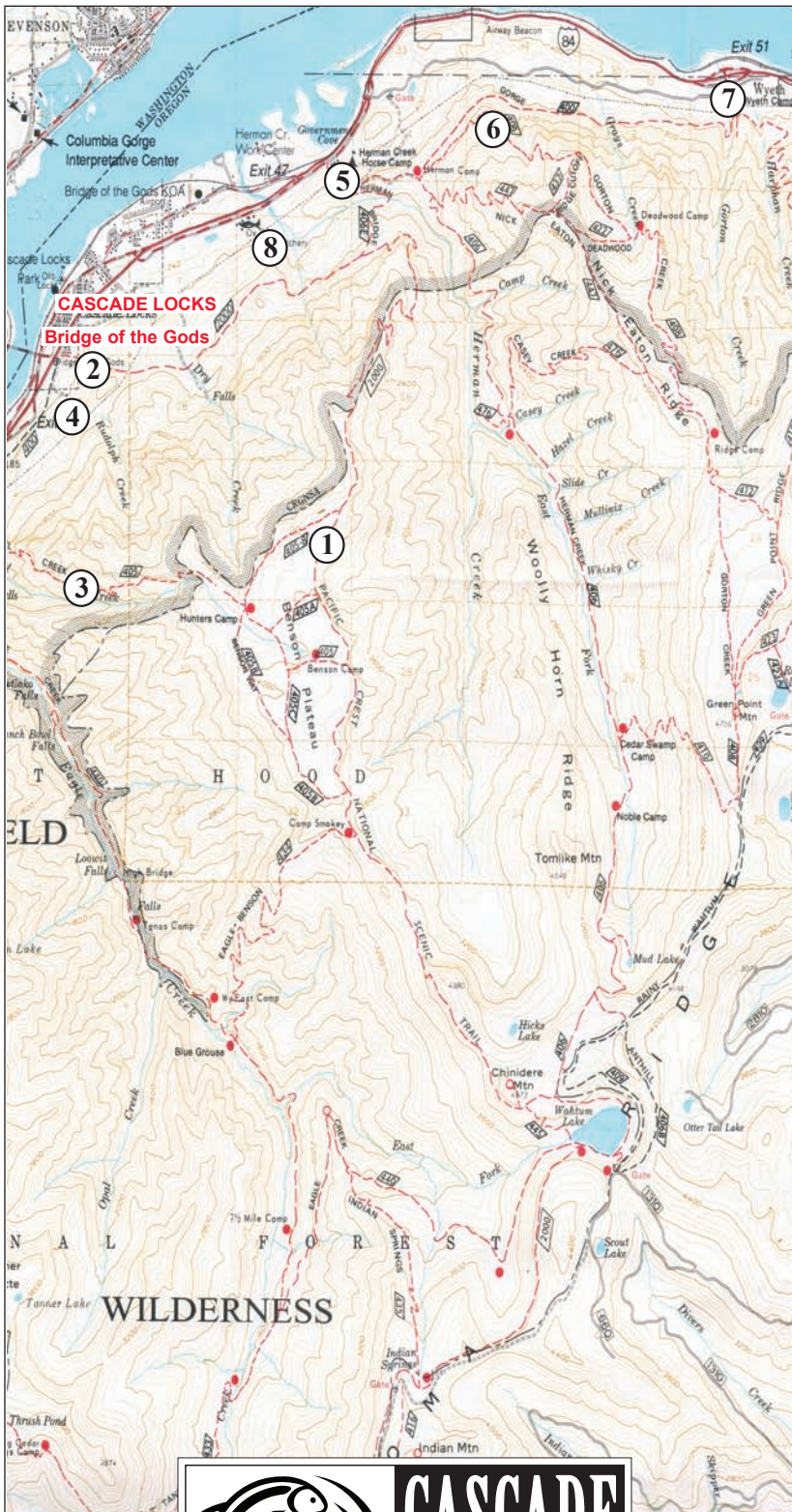


CASCADE LOCKS TRAILS

Possibly the greatest concentration of high waterfalls in North America appears on the south walls of the Columbia River Gorge. Scores of waterfalls -- eleven over 100 feet high -- plummet within view of the Gorge traveler.



1. PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

Level: Moderate - Difficult

A 2,650 mile challenge, the Pacific Crest Trail stretches from Canada to Mexico with a stop in Cascade Locks and crosses into Washington over the Bridge of the Gods. The PCT offers the greatest elevation and ecosystem changes in the US. The trail is easy to access and stunningly wild. The PCT is the hiking gem of the West. More information, visit www.pcta.org

2. PACIFIC CREST TRAIL 2000 Cascade Locks - Dry Creek Falls

4.4 miles
Level: Moderate

Highlights: Foot bridge at 2 mile from trailhead crosses creek and makes a good picnic spot. Ends at 60 foot high Dry Creek Falls. Note: May continue on Pacific Crest Trail 2000 16.1 miles one-way, this trail gently climbs through vine maple and scattered fir to dense stands of old-growth. Passes through the rugged canyons of Eagle and Herman Creeks and continues into the Hatfield Wilderness.

Directions: Loop up to the Bridge of the Gods, parking in rest area, cross the street to enter the trail, continue on Pacific Crest Trail, join Dry Creek Trail
Winter entrance: Take Moody Ave to Pacific Crest Trail, join Dry Creek Trail

3. RUCKLE CREEK TRAIL 405

9.8 miles
Level: Difficult

Highlights: Long tough climb into some of the wildest areas of country surrounding the Columbia River Gorge. Hike through spectacular wildflower meadows, to the edge of the 4,000 foot high Benson Plateau.

Directions: Traveling East, exit 41 to Eagle Creek Recreation Area, turn right at stop sign, follow road to Eagle Creek picnic area, walk North from the parking area, join Gorge Trail 400, continue on to Ruckle Creek Trail

4. GORGE TRAIL 400 Bridge of the Gods - Eagle Creek

4.4 miles
Level: Easy

Highlights: Easy hike that follows along I-84 and the Columbia River. A great day trail for a family outing. Note: May continue onto Eagle Creek 440, one of the most popular hikes in the Gorge. Highlights include, Punch Bowl Falls where water spills 25 feet into a blue-green pool, High Bridge which traverses 150 feet above the creek, and Tunnel Falls where the trail passes in a tunnel under a tower of falling water. Parts of the trail is carved into basalt cliffs and may not be suitable for children.

Directions: Exit 44 off I-84, parking near Charburger in Cascade Locks

5. HERMAN CREEK TRAIL 406

8.4 miles
Level: Moderate

Highlights: Herman Creek Trail contains the largest surviving forest of old growth Douglas fir, cedar, and hemlock in the Columbia River Gorge

Directions: From Bridge of the Gods, continue on Wanapa St. heading east, pass under highway, at stop sign go straight, follow next to I-84 to Herman Creek Campground, continue on to Herman Creek Trail

6. GORTON CREEK TRAIL 408

9.1 miles
Level: Difficult

Highlights: Leading to an amazing 115 foot secluded waterfall, as well as a very photogenic creek scene below, this hike passes several small cascades and comes to a beautiful ten foot slide named Emerald Falls. This is a great place for hikers with kids to turn around. The trail comes to the spectacular, two-tiered Gorton Creek Falls.

Directions: From Bridge of the Gods, continue on Wanapa St. heading east, pass under highway, at stop sign go straight, follow next to I-84 to Herman Creek Campground, follow Herman Creek Trail which joins Gorton Creek Trail

7. WYETH TRAIL 411

7.3 miles
Level: Moderate

Highlights: Combines spectacular viewpoints and wildflower meadows mixed with dense stands of Douglas fir, silver fir, and mountain hemlock

Directions: Traveling West on I-84, exit 51 at Wyeth, left at stop sign, follow to Wyeth Campground, continue to Wyeth Trail

8. OXBOW FISH HATCHERY

7.3 miles
Level: Moderate

Directions: From Bridge of the Gods, continue on Wanapa St. heading east, pass under highway, at stop sign go straight, follow next to I-84

For more info, maps or NW forest pass:
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