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The Gorge is the perfect destination for those planning a visit to see family or friends, hike through forests, cycle country roads, sample favorite wines or craft beer, play on the river or take a scenic drive. Along with the phenomenal scenery, you will also meet some of the friendliest people in the Pacific Northwest.

I have lived here for 24 years and am so fortunate to call this spectacular area my home. It is my pleasure to provide you with the following pages that will guide you in discovering this paradise.

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Up to 4,000 feet deep, the Columbia River Gorge stretches for more than 80 miles as the Columbia River winds westward through the Cascade Range, forming the boundary between the state of Washington to the north and Oregon to the south. Year-round recreation is abundant, offering the best of outdoor activities including camping, hiking, biking, golf, whitewater rafting and kayaking, windsurfing and kiteboarding, stand-up paddling, sailing, motorcycle touring, ziplining, boating, fishing, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding— the list is endless.

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Communities

FAIRVIEW
Fairview marks the western most city of the Mt. Hood Gorge Region, conveniently located 15 minutes from the Portland International Airport, at Exit 14 on Interstate 84. A family-friendly, water-recreationalist paradise, Fairview is home to the 101 acre Blue Lake Regional Park and 67 acre Chinook Landing Marine Park.

WOOD VILLAGE
Wood Village is the ideal base camp for any adventure in the Mt. Hood Gorge Region. Located at Exit 16 on Interstate 84, Wood Village boasts over 360,000 square feet of retail shopping along with fast food outlets, convenience stores, restaurants, fuel, lodging and RV specialty support. Both the Mount Hood Scenic Byway and the Historic Columbia River Highway pass conveniently through the "Village."

TROUTDALE
Troutdale is truly the gateway to the scenic Columbia River Gorge and is a crown jewel in the Pacific Northwest. The area supports a thriving downtown with one-of-a-kind stores, art galleries, fine restaurants and a premium outlet mall. Easy access to the recreational opportunities in the Gorge, along with close proximity to Portland, makes Troutdale a perfect landing pad for those wanting the best of both worlds.

SPRINGDALE/CORBETT/BRIDAL VEIL
The rural communities of Corbett and Springdale are located amongst the foothills and mountains between the Sandy River and Crown Point which is known for its worldwide spectacular views. The small ghost town of Bridal Veil still exists due to its quaint post office and proximity to the waterfall recreational area.

CASCADE LOCKS
Home to the famed Bridge of the Gods and legendary Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler, Cascade Locks is surrounded by a stunning landscape of the Cascade Range and is located along the mighty Columbia River. Hailed as the pristine spot for sailing, Cascade Locks has hosted National and International sailboat racing events each year. The only town on the 2,663 mile Pacific Crest Trail, Cascade Locks serves as an ideal base camp for hikers and backpackers.

THE WEST END // OREGON
See the wonders of the Columbia River Gorge, with help from the friendly West Columbia River Gorge Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center. Our “Gateway to the Gorge” is only minutes from downtown Portland and PDX Airport, and it’s a convenient base-camp for our many attractions and adventures. Use our Chamber and travel websites to get all the planning information you need—or call us for personalized help! (503) 669-7473

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WOMEN’S FORUM STATE PARK
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VISTA HOUSE AT CROWN POINT
The Vista House was built in 1917 on one of the most beautiful scenic points on the Historic Columbia River Highway. It was built as a place for travelers to rest and refresh themselves as they made their way down the magnificent Columbia River Gorge.

MULTNOMAH FALLS
At 620 feet high, Multnomah Falls is Oregon’s top tourist attraction. A steep paved trail leads visitors to hiking paths and a platform above the falls interpretive center, restaurant, restrooms and gift shop, making this a favorite stop in the Columbia River Gorge.

BONNEVILLE DAM
The mighty Bonneville Dam spans the Columbia River linking the two states of Washington and Oregon. Visit the Bradford Island Visitors Center and Bonneville Fish Hatchery at this historic must-see attraction.

COLUMBIA GORGE STERNWHEELE
Experience the history of the Columbia River Gorge and learn about the Lewis and Clark Expedition on a cruise aboard the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler. Enjoy 360 degrees of breathtaking vistas. The Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler makes its summer home in Cascade Locks.

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**WASHOUGAL**
This small community is situated on the west entrance to the scenic Columbia River Gorge. Motorists who approach Washougal from the west on the Lewis and Clark Hwy can see Mt. Hood rising above the Cascade Mountains, framed by the columnar cliffs that signal the gateway of the Gorge. For motocross fans, Washougal is home to America’s most scenic raceway, Washougal MX Park.

**CAMAS**
Conveniently located at the entrance to the Gorge, historic downtown Camas is the perfect place to spend a day or night. Enjoy the fine shops, salons, galleries and eateries. Outdoor enthusiasts will have fun hiking, biking, kayaking, fishing, watching wildlife, and exploring the beautiful Camas Lily fields at nearby Lacamas Lake—as well as two award-winning golf courses.

**SKAMANIA**
Hiking and picnicking opportunities are located near Skamania at Sam’s Walker and St. Cloud Day-Use Sites. Franz Lake Refuge is a popular place for wintering tundra swans. Visitors may even get lucky and spot a bald eagle hanging out at the wetlands.

**NORTH BONNEVILLE**
Recreation runs year-round at North Bonneville. Hunting, fishing, golfing and hiking are literally at your doorstep. An 18-hole disc golf course is located in a park-like setting which blends perfectly with the City’s existing Heritage Trail system that includes almost 12 miles of paved pathways perfect for biking and walking.

**STEVENSON**
Views of the Gorge in and around Stevenson are breathtaking and not to be missed. As Skamania County’s seat of government and home to fine destination resorts, Stevenson strives to keep visitors busy with activities and events throughout the year. With an award winning brew pub, art galleries, fine restaurants, along with distinctive clothing and jewelry stores, one can only delight in discovering this welcome respite from the big city.

**CARSON**
Carson is the gateway to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Oldman Pass and Mt. St. Helens. This sleepy little town is the perfect “base” from which to experience the many recreational opportunities found in the region. After a day of hiking or sightseeing, you’ll want to sit back and relax with a cold beer and a pizza at Backwoods Brewing Company.

**HOME VALLEY**
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- **Contact information**
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  - Beacon Rock: M-F 10-6 Sat 10-5 Sun 12-4 LizzabethA.com
  - Camas Hotel: 360-834-5722, Harvest: 360-210-4035

- **Website**
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- **Other attractions**
  - Skamania Lodge: A magnificent mountain resort nestled on 175 wooded acres offering spectacular views of the Columbia River and Cascade Mountains.
  - Beacon Rock: A known landmark that is recommended for the first time visitor to the Columbia River Gorge.
  - LACAMAS LAKE: This lake has amazing views, great picnicking areas, waterfalls and walking trails.

- **Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum**
  - At this world class museum in Stevenson, you will be able to visualize and participate in the bountiful life of the Columbia River Gorge.

- **Pacific Crest Trail**
  - This is by far one of the best locations to view the capacity and magnificence of the western Gorge. The Cape Horn viewpoint is located on Hwy 14, east of Washougal, Washington near mile marker 25. Don’t forget your camera!

- **FRANZ LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**
  - As many as 1,000 wintering tundra swans have been observed on Franz Lake. Other common waterfowl include western Canadian geese, mallards, northern pintails, gadwalls, green-winged teal, northern shovelers, canvasbacks, ring-necked ducks and American wigeon. This scenic overlook is located near Milepost 31, State Hwy 14.

- **Columbia River**
  - The mighty Bonneville Dam spans the Columbia River linking the two states of Oregon and Washington. The Bonneville Dam鱭s Shore Visitors Center offers one of the most accessible views of the powerhouse and a fish viewing window.

- **Pacific Crest Trail**
  - The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT) is a treasured pathway through some of the most outstanding scenic terrain in the United States. Beginning in southern California at the Mexican border, the PCT travels a total distance of 2,650 miles through California, Oregon and Washington, before reaching the Canadian border.

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- **Skamania Lodge**
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- **Mt. St. Helens**
  - Mt. St. Helens is one of the world’s most active and violent volcanoes. One of the quickest ways to see this impressive mountain is the southern route through Skamania County.

- **Bonneville Dam**
  - The mighty Bonneville Dam spans the Columbia River linking the two states of Washington and Oregon. The Washington Shore Visitors Center offers one of the most accessible views of the powerhouse and a fish viewing window.

- **Gifford Pinchot National Forest**
  - Eighty percent of Skamania County in the western part of the Columbia River Gorge is home to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. An abundance of recreational activities are found at Trapper Creek, Wilderness, Indian Heaven Wilderness, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams.
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Hood River

Tucked between the basalt cliffs of the Columbia River Gorge, with Mt. Adams to the north and Mt. Hood to the south, you will discover the town of Hood River which is known as the outdoor capital of Oregon. Hood River has become the destination of choice for windsurfers and kiteboarders from around the world. The winds from the Columbia River Gorge create ultimate conditions for playing on the water. After a day of fun on the river, take a break and check out downtown Hood River, where you will discover trendy art galleries, boutiques, coffee shops, brew pubs, wine tasting rooms, along with fine restaurants offering local cuisine. Not only is Hood River a great tourist destination, it is also a great place to live!

Hood River Valley

South of Hood River is the Hood River Valley, known for its production of apples, pears, and cherries, not to mention incredible views of Mt. Hood.

Odell

The small community of Odell lies in the Hood River Valley surrounded by fruit orchards and fruit stands.

Parkdale

A popular stop on the Hood River Fruit Loop, Parkdale is known for its apples, pears, blueberries and cherries.

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Events

HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY
Experience this beautiful multi-purpose paved trail from Hood River to the Twin Tunnels in Mosier. No cars are allowed on this trail.

Ruthton Park

The Ruthton Park picnic area offers scenic views of the Columbia River Gorge. Located on Westcliff Drive in Hood River.

Hood River Waterfront

The Hood River Waterfront Park is located on Portway Avenue on the banks of the Columbia River. There are walking paths, a sandy beach and swimming area (no lifeguards), picnic shelters, restrooms, grassy areas and play equipment.

The Event Site

Kiteboarders, windsurfers and stand-up paddlers come from all over the world to play on the Columbia River. The Event Site is a great spot for watching the activity on the river. There is $5 day use fee.

Columbia Gorge Hotel

The Columbia Gorge Hotel is a historic landmark in the Columbia River Gorge. Take a stroll through the manicured gardens where the flowers and foliage reflect the seasons. Make sure to visit the Wah Gwin Gwin Falls behind the hotel and watch it cascade 208 feet down to the river below.

Historic Downtown Hood River

Hood River’s downtown historic district has more than 40 civic and commercial buildings dating from 1893 to the 1930s, some of which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Hood River publishes a free self-guided walking tour that will take you on a tour of the downtown area. Maps are available at the chamber of commerce office.

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SANDY
Sandy is a small community on Highway 26 with spectacular views of Mt. Hood and the Sandy River. This gateway town will take you to several outdoor recreational activities in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

VILLEGES OF MT. HOOD
Starting about nine miles east of Sandy on Highway 26, you will pass by the several villages of Alder Creek, Brightwood, Wemme, Welches, Zigzag and Rhododendron.

GOVERNMENT CAMP
Located on the south side of Mt. Hood, Government Camp is a charming alpine village. At an elevation of 4,000 feet, it is the entry to several ski resorts: Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood Meadows, Snow Bunny and Summit. They total over 4,600 miles of skiable terrain. Timberline offers the only year-round lift-served skiing in North America.

Attractions

MT. HOOD
Mt. Hood is one of the crown jewels of the Columbia River Gorge standing at 11,239 feet. This ancient volcano is the tallest mountain in Oregon and popular with skiers, hikers and climbers.

CLOUD CAP
Built in 1889, The Cloud Cap Inn stands 6,000 feet and is located on the eastern slope of Mt. Hood. Cloud Cap Inn originated as an elite mountain retreat and is now a search and rescue base for the Hood River Crag Rats, the oldest search and rescue organization in the United States. Cloud Cap Inn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Free interpretive tours of the historic Cloud Cap Inn are available. Contact Mt. Hood National Forest for more details.

TIMBERLINE LODGE
Timberline Lodge is a National Historic Landmark and one of Oregon’s most popular tourist attractions. Famous for serving as the Overlook Hotel in the well known movie, The Shining, featuring Jack Nicholson.

LOST LAKE
Lost Lake’s awesome beauty with classic views of Mt. Hood offer an ideal getaway for families. Great recreational opportunities including hiking, swimming, boating and camping.

SKI AREAS ON MT. HOOD
Mt. Hood has six ski areas: Timberline, Mt. Hood Meadows, Ski Bowl, Cooper Spur, Snow Bunny and Summit. They total over 4,600 miles of skiable terrain. Timberline offers the only year-round lift-served skiing in North America.

WILDWOOD RECREATION SITE
The Wildwood Recreation Site is a unique 580-acre day use site with over five miles of interpretive trails meandering through woods along the Salmon River. Located one mile west of Welches, Oregon, the site boasts five miles of hiking and walking paths.

TRILLIUM LAKE
The view of Mt. Hood from Trillium Lake in the Cascade Range is definitely a photographer’s dream. Boating, swimming, camping and fishing are popular on the 63-acre lake. The two mile Trillium Shoreline Trail circles the lake offering hiking and Nordic skiing opportunities.

MT. HOOD SCENIC LOOP
This is a day trip that is absolutely worth your time! Loop around 11,239 foot Mt. Hood and take in the countless panoramic viewpoints and natural wonders along the way. From Hood River travel south on Hwy 35 and from Gresham travel west on Hwy 26. You can venture back on Hwy 14 on the Washington side of the Columbia River or I-84 in Oregon.

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WHITE SALMON

This town is not only home to the White Salmon River, it’s an experience of nature’s beauty. The White Salmon is more than a summer trickle, the spring-fed White Salmon River maintains a healthy base flow for year-round rafting. The White Salmon is world-renowned for its whitewater rafting and kayaking.

HUSUM & BZ CORNERS

Husum and BZ Corners are located along Hwy 141 in the White Salmon River Valley. Whitewater rafting is a major local recreational sport, with access points to the White Salmon River in both communities.

TROUT LAKE

Enjoy the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mt. Adams while visiting the small town of Trout Lake. Cross-country skiing, hiking, bicycling and whitewater rafting are major attractions easily accessed from the gateway community known for its fun and beauty.

GLENWOOD

Glenwood is an historic community located in the Glenwood Valley at the base of Mt. Adams and is known for its annual rodeo.

WHITE SALMON RIVER

The White Salmon River is a 44-mile tributary of the Columbia River, originating on the slopes of Mt. Adams. Listed as a “Wild and Scenic River” by the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, Mt. Adams is world-renowned for its whitewater rafting and kayaking.

WHITEWATER RAFTING

When most Pacific Northwest white water rivers are reduced to a late summer trickle, the spring-fed White Salmon River maintains a healthy base flow for year-round rafting. The White Salmon is more than a whitewater rafting river, it’s an experience of nature’s beauty.

MT. ADAMS

The 12,276-foot high Mt. Adams is the second highest peak in the Northwest after Mt. Rainier. Wilderness trails offer hikers magnificent views of Mt. Adams and its glaciers, plummeting streams, alpine forests and wildflowers spread among lava flows and rimrocks.

GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST & MT. ADAMS RANGER DISTRICT

The Mt. Adams Ranger District covers the southern portion of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and includes the Mt. Adams, Indian Heaven and Trapper Creek Wildernesses. It also includes the Big Lava Bed, an unusual lava field which originated from a crater now 500–feet deep, and the Wind River Experimental Forest.

BIG LAVA BED

Big Lava Bed, covering 1,500 acres, ranks among the major landmarks of southwest Washington. The 30-square-mile flow of basalt that flowed out of a source vent found in the north-central part of the lava bed is located just south of Goose Lake.

ICE CAVES

Just a few miles west of Trout Lake on Hwy 141, deep in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, is a series of lava tubes with local roof collapses that capture and keep the winter snows and ice all summer long. Many of the ice formations are just inside the cave entrance, so it’s not necessary to explore deep inside. For more information stop at the Trout Lake Ranger Station on your way out of town.

CONBOY LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGE

Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge, one of the hidden jewels of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, is located on the east slope of the Cascade Mountains at the base of 12,276-foot Mt. Adams. Refuge visitors enjoy the scenery, hike the Willard Springs Trail and observe wildlife from the county roads that surround and cross the refuge.

CONBOY LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery raises more than 15 million Tule Fall Chinook salmon each year. From the hatchery, visitors can view fish and watch large numbers of windsurfers enjoying the brisk winds at this world-class windsurfing site.

ICE CAVES

Adapted to their surroundings in the Ice Age, the Ice Caves are one of the world’s more unique geologic formations. Ice caves form when snowmelt drips through a hole in the ceiling of an existing cavern or cave. As the snowmelt evaporates, it leaves behind water-filled passages; as the water freezes, ice columns, columns, and arches begin to form.

Attractions

SPRING CREEK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

The Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery raises more than 15 million Tule Fall Chinook salmon annually. Adult Tule Fall Chinook salmon return in September and visitors can watch the fish being spawned in mid- to late September.

LITTLE WHITE SALMON FISH HATCHERY

An underwater viewing area and wildlife viewing opportunities at the hatchery make this a favorite for visitors year-round. Spring and fall Chinook can be seen spawning in the river below the hatchery.

Communities

BINGEN

Known for its agriculture and recreation, Bingen is also home to the high tech company, Instu, which is a leader in the unmanned aircraft industry. Explore the tiny town of Bingen where you will find antiques shops, fruit stands, a pizza parlor and coffee shops.

WHITE SALMON

The town of White Salmon is situated on a bluff overlooking the Columbia River, offering splendid views of Mt. Hood. As you explore the quaint downtown, you will feel the German influence as you notice the 14-bell Glockenspiel tower and the alpine chalet architecture. An art gallery, brew pub, coffee shop and fine restaurants line the sidewalks, welcoming you to relax and enjoy the view.

MILL A, WILLARD & COOK

Mill A and the neighboring communities of Willard and Cook, Washington are located on the eastern side of Skamania County. The small community of Cook is located just west of the mouth of the Little White Salmon River and is home to the Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery.

UNDERWOOD

Underwood is located on the eastern slope of the Cascades, with less rain accumulation than the western side of the Gorge. The combination of good soil and climate allows the Underwood vineyards to produce premium wine grapes. Underwood is home to Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery, which raises over 15 million Tule Fall Chinook salmon each year. From the hatchery, visitors can view fish and watch large numbers of windsurfers enjoying the brisk winds at this world-class windsurfing site.

Attractions

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Discover

the dramatic change in scenery while traveling through the Gorge

As you travel towards the Eastern Columbia River Gorge, you will begin to see an impressive change in the landscape. The Eastern Gorge is in the rain shadow of the Cascades, where annual rainfall is just 14 inches at the Dalles, Oregon. The central and western Gorge receive frequent weather systems that move in from the Pacific Ocean which can result in up to 100 inches of rain per year. The Gorge scenery changes from temperate rainforest to dry grasslands in only 80 miles, offering a dramatic change in scenery while driving down I-84.

Communities

Mosier
Mosier is a good base camp for outdoor enthusiasts. This small town is the starting point for hiking and biking the Mosier Twin Tunnels on the Historic Columbia River Highway. Stop by the local ice cream and coffee shop for a delicious treat on your way to or from your day’s adventure in the Gorge.

Rowena
Mayor State Park, Rowena Crest and Tom McCall Nature Preserve are attractions found in the tiny community of Rowena.

The Dalles
Known for its abundant sunshine and outdoor recreation, The Dalles is the eastern gateway to the Columbia River Gorge. Also known as one of the Gorge’s new high tech hotspots, The Dalles is home to Columbia Gorge Community College, which offers the first wind power training program in the Pacific Northwest; the Mid-Columbia Medical Center with its world-class Celilo Cancer Care Center; and Internet company Google who opened their data center in 2006.

Atmospheric

Biggs
Biggs is a major crossroads where Hwy 97 intersects I-84 and Sam Hill Memorial Bridge crossing the Columbia River to Washington.

Attractions

Historic Columbia River Highway
Between Mosier and Hood River, the five mile Twin Tunnels segment of the Historic Columbia River Highway is a beautiful multi-purpose paved trail with outstanding views of the Columbia River Gorge (no motorized vehicles allowed). The four mile section from The Dalles to Rowena is a scenic drive offering an incredible view from Rowena Crest.

Tom McCall Nature Preserve
The 271-acre Tom McCall Nature Preserve is located at Rowena Plateau providing incredible views of the Columbia River. Wildflowers are abundant in the spring with over 200 plant species. No dogs allowed.

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Wasco County Museum
The 48,200 square-foot Columbia Gorge Discovery Center is situated on a 54-acre point of land adjacent to the Columbia River and the Historic Columbia River Highway. The multimedia, interactive museum inspires appreciation and stewardship of the natural and cultural treasures of the Columbia River Gorge and Wasco County.

The Dalles Dam
Learn about hydropower, navigation, recreation, fish passage and much more at The Dalles Lock and Dam. There’s a 200-gallon cold water aquarium stocked with fish from the Columbia River, a live-camera view of the fish going up the fish ladder, a short-film and several interactive displays and activities about the multifunctions of the dam and its pros and cons.

The Dalles is the Eastern Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge.
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Attractions

THE PRESBY HOUSE MUSEUM
The Klickitat County Historical Society is located at The Presby Mansion and was built in 1902. The home has 20 rooms on three floors filled with exceptional displays of furniture, clothing, utensils and personal effects from the 1880s–1930s.

CHAMBERLAINE LAKE VIEWPOINT
Rest area overlooking the Gorge and Memaloose Island. Located west of Lyle.

FISHER HILL BRIDGE
View the Klickitat River Gorge at Fisher Hill Bridge. In January, bald eagles gather along the river where the bridge crosses.

KLIKITTAT RIVER
The Klickitat River was designated as a National Wild and Scenic River in 1984. Located just north of the Columbia Hills State Park.

KLIKITTAT TRAIL
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COLUMBIA HILLS STATE PARK
Columbia Hills State Park (which includes Horsethief Lake and Dalles Mountain Ranch areas) is a 3,338-acre camping park with 7,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on the Columbia River. Columbia Hills State Park is home to a remarkable collection of Native American rock art.

DALLES MOUNTAIN RANCH
The Dalles Mountain Ranch covers most of the Washington side, running from The Dalles Dam to past Wahram. The entire ranch was deeded to the state of Washington and is now a state park, accessed by cars and hiking trails. The Dalles Mountain Ranch is known as a glorious place to hike, especially in April, May and early June when the grasses are still green and the wildflowers are in bloom.

HORSETHIEF LAKE AREA
This park is an amazing area to see pictographs and petroglyphs, including the famous She Who Watches. Some of the oldest pictographs in the Northwest are found in this park. The park is a National Historic Site and guided tours are available to see the petroglyphs.

STONEHENGE
Stonehenge was built in the early 1900s by Sam Hill as a memorial to WWI soldiers from Klickitat County who died during the war. It is a near exact replica of the original. From Stonehenge’s incredible location, you can enjoy a great view of the Columbia River, green farmland, the Sam Hill Memorial Bridge and Mt. Hood.

GOLDENDEALE OBSERVATORY
Goldendale Observatory State Park is a five-acre educational facility on a 2,100-foot-high hilltop. The observatory is home to one of the nation’s largest public telescopes and has attracted sky-watchers since its opening in 1973.

MARYHILL AMPHITHEATRE
The 4,000-seat outdoor concert venue sits gracefully in the hills above the Columbia River, providing amazing views of Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.

MARYHILL MUSEUM OF ART
Enjoy an afternoon at this brilliant museum overlooking the mighty Columbia River. Rodin sculptures, American Classical Realism paintings and a collection of jewelry and furnishings that belonged to Queen Marie of Romania are just a few of the unique features at Maryhill Museum of Art.

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TWO STATES, TWO VOLCANOES & ONE BIG RIVER

LYLE

The small community of Lyle is located on the north bank of the Columbia River where the Klickitat River merges with the Columbia. After a day of hiking the Klickitat Trail, visit one of many wineries or watch the windsurfers and kiteboarders at Doug’s Beach State Park.

KLECKITAT

Fishing, rafting and kayaking are favorite activities found near this small timber community. The 31-mile Klickitat Trail passes through the small town of Klickitat before following 10.5 miles of the beautiful wild and scenic Klickitat River.

DALLESPORT

Dalesport is home to the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport. The area has a commanding view of Mt. Hood to the south and Mt. Adams to the east.

WISHRAM

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GOLDENDALE

With Mt. Adams in the distance, the town of Goldendale is located at the heart of the Eastern Columbia River Gorge. It is your home base for outdoor adventure and cultural heritage. Home to popular area attractions such as Presby Mansion and Goldendale Observatory State Park.

BICKLETON

Bickleton is known as the Bluebird Capital of the world because of the thousands of bluebirds that spend most of the year in the area. A few miles south of town is the area’s first large wind power electrical generating plant. It consists of 133 wind powered turbines.

ROOSEVELT

The waterfront park in Roosevelt is very popular for fishing, windsurfing, kiteboarding and picnicking.

MARYHILL

Many Gorge attractions are found in Maryhill including Maryhill Amphitheater and Winery, historic Stonehenge, Maryhill State Park and Maryhill Museum of Art.

CAMP 1805

Camp 1805 Distillery and Bar opened their doors on July 4, 2014. (July 4th coincidentally is the same day Lewis and Clark ran out of whiskey.) The name Camp 1805 is derived from the Lewis and Clark expedition when in 1805 the explorers camped in the Columbia River Gorge. At Camp 1805, owners Chris Taylor and Roy Slayton do it all, from grinding down the two row malted barley for downstream Whiskey from whole husk to fermenting, distilling and aging in a combination of toasted and charred barrels. Along with their own in-house whiskey, rum and vodka, Camp 1805 also has a full bar along with local beer and wine. A food menu has been added with further plans to expand in the summer as local produce comes in to season. The response from the local beer brewers has been fantastic as they are excited to age beer in the empty rum and whiskey barrels.

TASTE AND TOUR THE LIBATIONS OF THE GORGE

Hit the road and discover the new craft spirits on both sides of the river.

Skunk Brothers Spirits is a brand new craft distillery on the waterfront in the small town of Stevenson, Washington. The crazy idea to make whiskey was a dream two brothers had while home-brewing beer and drinking whiskey together. So they decided to go for it. Besides the classic corn whiskey, Skunk Brothers also offers an apple pie flavored moonshine. They will soon be coming out with a delicious cinnamon moonshine, as well as bourbon, single malt, gin and various brandies and cordials throughout the seasonal months—all derived from various local fruits this area has to offer. Folks can visit the distillery and take tours or have a tasting. Take a drive to Stevenson and taste the special treats Skunk Brothers Spirits has on-hand.

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THE FRAGRANT SMELL OF GRAPES, GRAINS, HOPS AND FRESH FRUIT LINGER IN THE AIR AROUND THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE. IT IS A SIGN OF THE TIMES AS DISTILLERIES, CIDER MILLS, WINERIES AND BREWERIES HAVE BECOME A DYNAMIC PART OF THE REGION OFFERING VISITORS THE CHANCE TO SIP AND SAVOR.

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WHAT'S ON TAP?

IN THE WORLD OF HAND-CRAFTED BEER, BREW MASTERS IN THE GORGE ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE PROCESS AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO BREW QUALITY BEER.

The Columbia River Gorge is home to 14 breweries with each having their own unique style and flavor. Session ales, stouts, sours, IPAs, pale ales, lagers—you name it, they are all fresh out of the fermenter waiting to be sniffed, tasted and adored.

In February 2015, a group of local breweries united in promoting their craft beer and to help you discover some of the nation’s finest beer in one of the most beautiful places on earth. The alliance was formed and is called Breweries in the Gorge. The group has developed a website along with a map that includes a passport for brewery patrons to get a stamp for each brewery they visit. In time, after you have filled your map by visiting each brewery, you receive a Breweries in the Gorge mug. The map unites the different breweries and makes it fun to go on a “brew tour in the Gorge!”

Taking a brew pub tour in the Gorge is becoming very popular. You will meet the brewers and learn about the talent and discipline of crafting beer. Sit back, enjoy the scenery and leave the driving up to a guide. Martin’s Gorge Tours has been serving the Gorge since 2008 and knows all the brewers, along with the best places for dinner or a snack. For one stop tasting, check out Growlerz Pub in Bingen which features 14 local beers on tap and gourmet hot dogs.

CHEERS!

DISCOVER A WORLD OF WINE IN 40 MILES

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It takes a special kind of person to acknowledge that lifestyle is a priority—and then to actually act on it is even more significant. Because of this natural filter, the Gorge is filled with ambitious and active people who love sharing their passions. Gorge winemakers especially love their jobs and they love sharing the fruits of their labor. As a small, budding wine region, the Columbia Gorge offers a very personal experience. Often, winemakers are pouring behind their own tasting bars and are anxious to tell about the process of making wine and from where their passion stems.

From Albariño to Zinfandel, more than 30 Wineries and 45+ Vineyards of the Columbia Gorge winegrowing region take full advantage of the amazingly diverse growing conditions which allow for a wide variety of grapes to be grown and produced into world-class wine. Enjoy traffic free touring, relaxed tasting rooms and the wild beauty of the Columbia Gorge.

A beautiful drive will lead you to one of the many picturesque wineries nestled on a vineyard with a view of Mt. Hood. Enjoy a tasting, grab a bottle and a picnic snack and go for a hike. (Hiking with wine is referred to as “Wiking” in the Gorge.)

Taking a tour with a service, such as Martin’s Gorge Tours or Wine Dirt. It’s an ideal way to maximize your exposure in a short amount of time. A tour guide knows all the best spots. For the true trailblazers who like to go it alone, you can’t really go wrong. Just head east from Portland and stop when something looks interesting. If you happen to get off course you can count on a local to help you get back on track and they will undoubtedly point you toward something amazing.

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The Columbia River Gorge is home to a diverse group of companies including Google, Insitu and Tofurky. Breweries, wineries and distilleries are all on the rise offering employment, as are healthcare, government and agricultural jobs. Outdoor activities attract thousands of people every year to the Columbia River Gorge, which creates ample tourism opportunities. There are also numerous entrepreneurs with thriving businesses in the Gorge. 

Thinking about moving to the Gorge? There are several communities to call home on both the Washington and Oregon sides. Friendly real estate agents are ready to lend their expertise in finding you a new home. They are true believers that this area is the perfect place to live whether you are retired, raising a family or commuting to work in the city. In fact, many commuters find the drive through the Gorge a time to unwind, knowing there is still time when they get home to enjoy their favorite hike or jump on the river for an evening paddle or a sailing session.

You can’t go wrong living in a place like this as the magnificent beauty of the Columbia River Gorge is unsurpassed and the scenery changes every day.

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THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

The entire Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is truly a special place.

In 1986, a group of hikers and outdoor enthusiasts organized a campaign to preserve the Columbia River Gorge’s scenic beauty by successfully encouraging Congress to pass the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. The purpose of the act is to protect and provide for the enhancement of the scenic, cultural, recreational and natural resources of the Gorge and to protect and support the economy of the Gorge by encouraging growth to occur in existing areas and by allowing future economic development outside those areas if it is compatible with Gorge resources.

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is home to an incredible combination of spectacular landscapes, rare plants, wildlife, recreational opportunities, farmland, and other cultural and historic sites. The Scenic Area stretches 85 miles on both sides of the Columbia River from Troutdale, Oregon and Washougal, Washington in the west to the Deschutes River in the east.

The scenic area is also home to more than 55,000 people and a place to visit for more than two million people each year. Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood territories, Deschutes River Valley and Mt. St. Helens are all outside the Scenic Area boundaries but are considered huge tourist attractions when visiting the Columbia River Gorge.

For more information on the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/forest/

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When you need a break from the outdoors, you can take a visit to one of the many art galleries or tour world class museums. Stroll through the vibrant downtown shopping districts and venture into boutiques and restaurants. Take a break at one of the numerous coffee shops to enjoy a latte or pastry. Taste wine or visit a brew pub. Festivals, fairs and outdoor concerts are on the line-up all summer long. This playground is a fun place and you will never run out of things to do!

GOLFING
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ZIP LINE TOURS
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MOTORCYCLE TOURING
The roads in the Columbia River Gorge are exceptional for motorcycles because of the mountains and rivers they tend to follow. There are plenty of twists, turns, uphill and downhill. Backcountry gravel roads offer fun and adventure for dual sport riders.

ROCK CLIMBING
There are several options for rock climbing in the Gorge, but the grand daddy is Beacon Rock in Washington. Make note that climbing is not allowed on the rock from February 1st to mid-July.

MOUNTAIN BIKING
The Columbia River Gorge is known for its stunning scenery and water sports, but is also known to attract visitors that come just for the mountain biking. High altitude riding, steep trails, and challenging descents are abundant. Flat trails and family rides are located throughout the Gorge as well. Local bike and sport shops can assist you with maps and information.

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- Bridge Veil State Scenic viewpoint
- Sheepshead Dell State Natural Area
- Herman Creek Campground

WEST WASHINGTON
- Lacs businessman and Park
- Ember mill Campground and RV Park
- Lewis & Clark Campground
- Home Valley Campground
- Wind River RV Park
- The Resort at Skamania Coves
- Home Valley Campground
- Beacon Rock State Park

CENTRAL OREGON
- Ruffton Park
- Tucker County Park
- Wyeth Campground
- Vermont State Park
- Starvation Creek Park
- Mitchell Paint Park
- Wygant State Park
- Tollbridge Park
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CENTRAL WASHINGTON
- Big Otter County Park
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- Moses Creek Campground
- Bridge RV Park and Campground

MT. HOOD TERRITORY
- MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST
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MT. ADAMS TERRITORY
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- Mosebo State Campground
- Moss Park
- Deschutes River State Recreation Area

EAST WASHINGTON
- Leidal Campground
- Dorothea Beach State Park
- Maryhill State Park
- Peach Beach Campground
- Roosevelt Park
- Brooks Memorial State Park
- Horseshoe State Park
- Columbia Hills State Park
- Goldendale Observatory State Park
- Belfair-Mason State Park
- Mosier Twin Tunnels Campground
- Cold Springs Campground
- Columbia River Gorge (CGD)
- www.fs.fed.us/recreation

OREGON - MOSIER TWIN TUNNELS
- CASCADE LOCKS TO ELOWAH FALLS TRAILHEAD
  LEVEL: Moderate // DISTANCE: 13 mile trip
  Across the Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks, Oregon you will find the first highway in America to be designated as a scenic highway. The Historic Columbia River Highway offers a 13 mile car-free path taking you by Eagle Creek Trailhead and Bonneville Dam. Make sure to take a break at the Dam and visit Herman the Sturgeon. The car-free path ends at the Elowah Falls Trailhead where you will turn around and head back to Cascade Locks. You can continue on the highway to Multnomah Falls but be aware there is heavy traffic. This is a great ride for a quick workout or a leisurely day on your bike.

GETTING THERE: To Cascade Locks, Oregon you will find the parking lot under the bridge west of the restaurant near the mural. The upper trailhead starts to the west of the parking lot.
NOTE: No pass required

WATER BIRDING

The Columbia River, which is famous for its high winds, has become known worldwide as one of the best places to host sailing events. Since 1996, there have been 62 major sailing regattas along with clinics, trainings and youth regattas. Not only is the wind great but the water is warm and the views are spectacular. // www.cgra.org

2015 COLUMBIA GORGE RACING ASSOCIATION EVENT SCHEDULE*
- Racer Cup // April 18–19
- PSU Invite // May 16–17
- CIAA Opening Day // June 20
- Ripple Opt Clinic // June 23–25
- Gorge Laser Performance Clinic // June 23–26
- 2015 USAO Northwest Championship // June 27–28
- 2015 Laser Masters Pacific Coast Championship \( \rightarrow \) June 27–28
- WIND Youth Laser Clinic // July 6–9
- WIND Youth Regatta // July 11–12
- 2015 Pre-Regatta Racing Clinic // July 15–16
- 2015 2015 North American Championship \( \rightarrow \) July 19–21
- Gorge Dinghy Invitational // July 25–26
- Columbia Gorge One-Design Regatta (COORD) // July 31–August 2
- 2015 CSR Marine Melges 24 US National Championship // August 6–9
- HROD Double Dammed // August 15
- Laser Gorge Blowout // August 15
- O’pen Bic Gorge Sailing Camp // August 28
- O’pen Bic U.S. Regatta // August 29–30
* Tentative, subject to revision

ROAD BIKING

Road biking in the Columbia River Gorge offers an incredible variety of experiences from spectacular views and long stretches of lightly traveled highway to quad-burning hill climbs and thrilling descents.

GETTING THERE: From Hood River, head east on State Street, cross Highway 35 and drive up the Historic Columbia River Highway to the parking area. // NOTE: Parking fee required

SAILING

Please refer to this document for a detailed overview of sailing opportunities in the region.
WINDSURFING: A surface water sport that combines elements of surfing and sailing. It consists of a board powered by wind on a sail. The rig is connected to the board by a free-rotating universal joint and consists of a mast, two-sided boom and sail. The sail area generally ranges in size dependent on the conditions, the skill of the sailor and the type of windsurfing being undertaken.

KITEBOARDING: A surface water sport combining aspects of wakeboarding, windsurfing, surfing, paragliding and gymnastics into one extreme sport. A kiteboarder harnesses the power of the wind with a large controllable power kite to be propelled across the water on a kiteboard similar to a wakeboard or a small surfboard, with or without footstraps or bindings.

WHY IS IT SO WINDY IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE?
The Columbia River winds through the Cascade Mountains, bordering the states of Washington and Oregon from the Eastern deserts to the Pacific Ocean 200 miles to the west. The river’s low-elevation channel moves through miles of mountains. The pressure difference across the Cascade Mountains makes air flow from one side to the other. In the summer, the cold, dense marine air from the west meets the hot and dry air out in the east. The higher the pressure difference— the stronger the wind.

A BIT OF HISTORY
In 1948, Newman Darby, a 20 year old American, created a floating platform which looked more like a catamaran than a windsurfing board on which he mounted a sail. He did not patent his idea and in the mid-sixties Jim Drake and Hoyle Schweitzer brainstormed the idea of the sail and the boom, along with the invention of the uphauling rope. First they called the board, “the skate,” then the “Baja board” and finally it was “the windsurfer.”

In 1989, kiteboarding was discovered when Cory Roeseler strapped his feet to stock water skis and with three rectangular colorful kites, took off across the Columbia into a crowd of surprised windsurfers. Today kiteboarding is one of the fastest growing sports in the world.

Between the Columbia River Gorge wind and currents, it is no surprise that this area is a dream for wind fanatics. Sailors come from all around the world to play in the perfect conditions.

THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE IS A NATURAL WIND TUNNEL, CREATING GREAT WINDSURFING AND KITEBOARDING CONDITIONS. In the early 1980s, “board heads” discovered the high and steady wind that blew in the Gorge and soon began to challenge the “nuclear winds.” From Rooster Rock on the west end past Arlington to the east, windsurfers and kiteboarders dance on the river amongst the basalt cliffs, waterfalls, and lush fir forests. To catch some of the windsurfing aerial experts, visit Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery on a windy day and bring your camera. For some kiteboarding entertainment visit the Event Site in Hood River for close-up action.

Whether you windsurf, kiteboard or sail, the Columbia River offers excellent wind conditions for all skill levels.

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS
WINDANCE OUTDOOR GEAR SWAP MEET
April 19 // 7am
Windance Parking Lot // Hood River, OR
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May 17 // 7am
Windance Parking Lot // Hood River, OR
PRAY FOR WIND PARTY
June 25
Etonheide Gardens // Hood River, OR
www.gorgewindsurfing.org
CGWA BEACH BASH
July 27
Hood River Event Site // Hood River, OR
A fun day for all. Windsurfing and SUP demos, clinics, fun races, relays, music festival, kids activities and much more! www.gorgewindsurfing.org
CGWA ALL SPORTS SWAP MEET
June 28 // 10am–3pm
Lucky Jerseys Beach // Hood River, OR
RENAL
Rental
521 Wind swindsports.com
Big Winds bigwinds.com
2nd Wind
Richard Hallman | Freelance Imaging
By Steve Gates

IT’S EASY TO SEE WHY STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING (SUP) IS THE FASTEST GROWING WATER SPORT WORLDWIDE THESE DAYS.

It’s relatively easy for just about everybody, it’s pretty unintimidating, you don’t need waves, you don’t need wind and it is great for fitness.

The past few years the sport has exploded in popularity here in the Columbia River Gorge. It’s the perfect complement to windsurfing, kiteboarding and surfing, which is why so many people are adding it to their list of water sports. It’s the perfect complement to windsurfing, kiteboarding and surfing, which is why so many people are adding it to their list of water sports.

The real surprise to me, though, is how popular it has become with kids of all ages. Several years ago, after I had become completely hooked on SUP racing, when the Big Winds Jr. Windsurf Team was reconvening for the summer activities, I asked them if they might be interested in learning how to paddle. Frankly, I thought they would find it boring or too slow; after all, these were high adrenaline kids who enjoyed a 30 knot session on the Columbia, deep powder skiing, etc. To my surprise, they all said let’s do it, and the rest is history. The Big Winds Jr. SUP Race Team has truly exploded, with the kids training four mornings a week in the summer at 6:30am. They have become as addicted to the sport as the rest of us, and are expert racers, as well as highly skilled at downwinders and surfing. It’s so fun to see all this youthful energy into this sport!

The fact that the kids are all excited about this sport has opened it up even more to families. Now we see more and more entire families coming into Big Winds and shopping not just for mom and/or dad, but including the kids in the conversation, as well. With boards and paddles available for even kids under 100 pounds, we can now make sure everyone in the family has the right setup. Kids need smaller paddles to avoid injury caused by using too large a blade. Likewise, a board that’s too big (too long or too wide) simply won’t work for them. The same applies for most women, which is why Big Winds stocks a wide range of board and paddle sizes.

Whether you have kids of your own or not, it’s exciting and motivating to see so many girls and boys out there enjoying stand up paddleboarding. See you on the water!

BY STEVE GATES
Amber shad in May and June with a run size from November through March. Chinook in August. A small run of winter mainstem Columbia. Last to arrive are the Fall a short sport season for summer salmon on the the escape quota can be met, there is typically a prehistoric creature and can get up to an enormous size of up to 10 feet. Trophy size smallmouth bass and walleye are also found in the Columbia River. Big smallmouths up to four pounds plus can be common along the Columbia’s rocky banks and back waters as early as the end of March and into summer months. The six to eight mile stretch below The Dalles Dam is a likely place but the fishing gets better the further east you go. Along Interstate 84 on the Oregon side and Highway 14 on the Washington side are numerous ponds and lakes. The majority of them host plentiful stocks of black and smallmouth and largemouth bass. Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife plants rainbows in small lakes throughout the spring. Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife stocks rainbow trout and mountain whitefish in upper sections of the Columbia and a good portion from three of these complete their journey here in the Gorge. These are the Spring Chinook (locally known as “Springers”), Summer Chinook, Up River Bright Fall Chinook and Tule Fall Chinook. The Springers are by far the most popular Chinook to catch because of its rich flavor. Springers arrive in April and are caught into early June. The Summer Chinook (June-July run) are the most sought after Chinook with the opportunity of a lifetime to catch trophy size smallmouth bass and walleye. Chinook are the largest of all salmon, the most popular and sought after fish in the Columbia River. After one to seven years in the ocean, the adult salmon that have survived countless risks from predators, ocean conditions and commercial harvest return to the Columbia River and head for their home streams. Once at the home stream the female makes a nest, known as a red, in the clean gravel. When the female deposits her thousands of eggs, the male releases milt which fertilizes the eggs. The adult salmon die soon after spawning, with the exception of steelhead and cutthroat, who may survive another year or more to spawn again. The little fry, less than an inch long, emerge from their nest in the gravel to begin their wild journey from freshwater to saltwater and the life cycle repeats itself. The salmon is a true survivor. Hatcheries help mitigate the loss of salmon runs due to the construction of hydroelectric projects on the Columbia. In the Gorge, there are federal, state and tribal hatcheries artificially propagating Chinook and Coho salmon that are vital to commercial and sport fisheries. The most popular hatchery for public viewing during the spawning season in mid-September is the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery located off I-84 on the Washington shore of the Columbia River. Spring Creek has a comfortable indoor viewing deck for visitors to watch hatchery employees collect the eggs and milt from mature Fall Chinook salmon.
WITH AN UNLIMITED ASSORTMENT OF SNOW SPORT OPPORTUNITIES AND WITHIN A 30-MINUTE SCENIC DRIVE FROM HOOD RIVER, MT. HOOD IS HOME TO MANY SNOWY VENUES FEATURING TERRAIN PERFECTLY SUITED TO A BROAD RANGE OF RECREATIONAL USERS. Four downhill ski resorts, three Nordic centers with groomed trail systems, and a bevy of easily accessible sno-parks and backcountry trail options make this is an ideal snow lovers destination. Mt. Hood’s ski resorts are: Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, Timberline Ski Resort, Mt. Hood Meadows and Cooper Spur Ski Area. All four resorts are located along the southernmost portion of Mt. Hood.

Alpine skiing and snowboarding are thrilling and fast but Nordic skiing is a great and sometimes life changing alternative, offering a person one of the purest skiing experiences. Mt. Hood has options for all, whether you seek the speedy kick and glide of skate skiing along the corduroy smooth groomed runs of Teacup Lake and Mt. Hood Meadows Nordic Center, or you long for the silent schussing experience of ski touring on or off trail through the woods and open snowfields of White River Canyon, Bennett Pass or Pocket Creek.

Snowshoes allow you the ability to hike on trails that might normally not be accessible in the winter time due to snow coverage. The white winter layerings of snow can make for some spectacular and beautiful changes along some of these trails. A beautiful example is Tamanawas Falls Trail (along Hwy 35, 25 miles from Hood River). A misty waterfall in the summer transforms into an enormous white monolith of ice and snow during the winter. Snowshoeing is a truly simple and extremely accessible recreational activity.

Winter recreation on the Washington side of the Columbia River Gorge is one of the region’s best kept secrets. Snowmobiling, sledding, Nordic skiing and snowshoeing can be readily accessed at the Wind River Sports Area north of Carson, Washington in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Just 25 miles north of Hood River, the Mt. Adams recreation area offers a variety of trails at Atkisson Sno-Park. On a clear day, the view of Mt. Adams will stop you in your ski tracks with its majesty standing at 12,276 feet.
**THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE IS A HIKERS PARADISE!**

BEAUTIFUL VIEWS, WATERFALLS, OLD-GROWTH FOREST, WILDFLOWERS, DESERT CANYONS — YOU NAME IT, THE CHOICES ARE ENDLESS. THE FOLLOWING PAGES ARE DESIGNED TO SHOW YOU A FEW OF THE HIKES LOCALS LIKE TO CALL THEIR FAVORITES.

**Hiking Levels Guide**

**EASY:** Level to gently rolling terrain and incline. Easy hiking. Requires limited skill and has minimal physical challenges.

**MODERATE:** Easy hiking that involves an increase in mileage and elevation gain.

**MORE DIFFICULT:** Vigorous hiking with moderate hills and slopes. Requires a moderate skill level and provides a moderate physical challenge.

**NOTE:** Changing weather conditions can affect hiking levels for trails.

**DON'T FORGET:** A Northwest Pass or Discover Pass is required at many of the trailheads, see specific details on page 66.

**REFER TO:** Map on page 34 to assist you in the location of the trailheads.

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**Beacon Rock - Washington**

- **2.0 miles round trip:** Easy to Moderate :: 600 ft Elevation Gain
- **Beacon Rock** is the core of an ancient volcano and is a well known landmark that is recommended for first time visitors to the Columbia River Gorge. Henry J. Biddle, an early owner of the rock, finished the original trail in 1918. The plug is 848 feet high with handrails lining most of the ascent. The trail is 4500 feet long with a 15 percent grade and takes 45 minutes to an hour to make the round trip. Once on top of the rock, the view of the Columbia River Gorge is breathtaking. It is a quiet and yet exhilarating experience to stand on the summit with the ever-present Columbia Winds sweeping around you.

**GETTING THERE:** Drive west on Hwy 14, 10 miles from Stevenson, Washington. You can't miss the rock on your left at MP 35.

**NOTE:** Washington State Discover Pass required (available on site)

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**Wahclella Falls - Oregon**

- **2.0 miles round trip:** Easy :: 300 ft Elevation Gain
- **Wahclella Falls** is one of the many outstanding waterfalls in the Columbia River Gorge. The easy, well graded trail climbs moderately along Tanner Creek for nine-tenths of a mile, splitting into a loop about three-quarters of the way in, and ending at the base of the falls. A 350-foot two tiered plunge, with the final 60-foot section, provides a powerful horsetail fall into an enormous splash pool.

**GETTING THERE:** Take exit #40 off I-84 for Bonneville Dam. Head south to a trailhead called Tanner Creek Trail (Wahclella Falls). Northwest Forest Pass required

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**Cape Horn Trail - Washington**

- **7.0 miles round trip:** More Difficult :: 1300 ft Elevation Gain
- **Cape Horn Trail** features gorgeous views, rocky crags, streams and two waterfalls. The full trail loop provides fantastic views of the Columbia River Gorge, an intimate look at Cape Horn Falls and a challenging workout as it climbs and descends the rocky slopes of Cape Horn.

**GETTING THERE:** Follow State Hwy 14 west from Stevenson about 18 miles, pass Beacon Rock State Park and continue to the intersection with Salmon Falls Road, near mile post 26. Turn right onto Salmon Falls Road, immediately turn right again and you'll see trailhead parking on your right in the Skamania County Park & Ride lot.

**NOTE:** parts of the trail are narrow, which can be unsafe during heavy snow and icy conditions.

**No pass required**

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**Hamilton Mt. - Washington**

- **8.0 miles round trip:** More Difficult :: 2100 ft Elevation Gain
- **The trail to the top of Hamilton Mountain is a gradual climb (total gain of 2100 feet) offering spectacular views of the Columbia River and Bonneville Dam from the top. The first part of the hike is very popular with the first 1.3 miles taking you to Rodney Falls, Pool of the Winds and Hardy Falls.**

**GETTING THERE:** Driving west on Hwy 14 from Stevenson, turn right at Beacon Rock State Park. Parking area is on your right with trailhead located behind the restrooms.

**Washington Discover Pass required**
Tamanawas Falls - Oregon

5.0 miles round trip :: Easy :: 500 ft Elevation Gain
Tamanawas Falls is another gorgeous waterfall in the Gorge and great for families. The two mile hike takes you through lush forest along Cold Spring Creek with the destination ending at the 100 foot waterfall. An ideal hike for cooling down on a hot afternoon!

GETTING THERE: Travel 22 miles south of Hood River on Hwy 35. Look for the parking area a few miles past the Cooper Spur turn off just before you reach Sherwood Campground. Follow the path to the footbridge crossing of the East Fork of the Hood River.

No permit required

Starvation Ridge Loop - Oregon

3.0 miles round trip :: Moderate to More Difficult 600 ft Elevation Gain
This is a decades work for a short hike and a great view from the top! Start this hike on the same trail used to access Mt. Defiance, which runs along I-84 for about 1/10 mile. After hiking another 1/10 mile past the freeway, you will come to a junction with the Starvation Gull Trail (#414B). Turn left here, it’s easy to miss so pay attention — make sure you hike the loop in this direction, it’s safer to go uphill than downhill.

The trail begins a steep ascent. Once you reach the top, the trail intersects the Starvation Ridge Trail (#414). At the junction with the Mount Defiance Trail, turn left here and head up the Mount Defiance Trail a short distance to Lancaster Falls. Head back the way you came to the last trail junction. Soon you’ll pass Hole-in-the-Wall Falls, then Cabin Creek Falls.

GETTING THERE: From Portland, drive east on I-84 to exit 55/Starvation Creek State Park and rest area. There’s a westbound exit to the Starvation Creek Rest Area. There’s no westbound exit to the Starvation Creek Rest Area, so drivers from the east (Hood River) will need to continue to Wyeth exit 51 and double back east to the trailhead.

No pass required

Tom McCall Nature Preserve - Oregon

TRAIL ACROSS THE PLATEAU TO THE RIVER VIEWPOINT 2.2 miles round trip :: Easy 1100 ft Elevation Gain in 1.7 miles
The Tom McCall Nature Preserve overlooks the Columbia River and provides gorgeous scenery and waterfall viewing. More than 200 plant species live here including grass widows, prairie stars, shooting stars, balsamroot, lupine and Indian paintbrush. Dogs, horses and bicycles are not allowed. Please do not pick the flowers and off trail hiking and camping are also not allowed.

Also remember to wear long pants if you’re taking the upper trail, as it passes poison oak. Two hike options are listed above.

GETTING THERE: From Portland, drive east on I-84 to exit 55/Starvation Creek State Park and rest area. There’s no westbound exit to the Starvation Creek Rest Area, so drivers from the east (Hood River) will need to continue to Wyeth exit 51 and double back east to the trailhead.

No pass required

Lyle Cherry Orchards - Washington

5.0 miles round trip :: Moderate :: 1160 ft Elevation Gain
This gem of a hike offers dazzling views of the Columbia River, amazing spring wildflowers and an oak forest full of gnarled trees. Start the hike at the unmarked trailhead just east of the tunnels near the town of Lyle, Washington. You will see a parking area on the north. The first quarter mile of the trail is quite steep but well worth the view.

GETTING THERE: Drive I-84 east to exit 64 (Hood River). Cross the Hood River Bridge to WA SR-14 and turn right (east). Continue past the town of Lyle and look for the parking area just past the tunnel on your left (north side of the highway).

No pass required

Catherine Creek Arch Loop - Washington

3.5 miles round trip :: Easy :: 500 ft Elevation Gain
From the Catherine Creek Trailhead hike on a closed road signed #020. This trail soon drops down to Catherine Creek and continues upstream then meets up with road #021. This trail passes the rock arch that looms over the corral high above a talus slope made of fallen rock.

NOTE: A fence is around the arch to discourage off-trail hiking, please respect this area.

As the road approaches a powerhouse, you’ll see a single track footpath headed up to the right (south). This is your return route. You’ll come to Old Hwy 8, about 1/2 mile east of your car. Hike the highway shoulder back to your car.

GETTING THERE: Traveling 6 miles east from Bingen on Hwy 14, take an immediate left onto Old Hwy 8 (Country Road 1203). If you get to Lyle you’ve gone too far. Follow Old Hwy 8 for approximately 1.5 miles to the Catherine Creek parking lot on the north side of the road. The universal access trail takes off to the right (downhill from the road). The rock arch hike and others begin uphill to the left.

No permit required

Lower Falls Creek - Washington

4.4 miles round trip :: Easy to Moderate :: 800 ft Elevation Gain
This waterfall is well worth the hike! Not only do you see a spectacular waterfall but you are also hiking in a beautiful old growth forest. Start the hike by crossing the cable suspension bridge which spans a rock gorge providing spectacular views of the white water of Falls Creek. The trail ends at the waterfall so this is an out and back hike. A great spot for a picnic!

GETTING THERE: Take State Hwy 14 to Carson, Washington. Drive 15 miles north on Wind River Road (#30) to its junction with FS Rd 3062. Turn right and proceed 1½ miles to Lower Falls Creek Trail #15A.

NOTE: While this trailhead may be accessible during mild winters, a gate on the 3062 road indicates that it is closed from December 1 through April 1. The gate is located 1½ miles from the trailhead.

Northwest Forest Pass required
**WATERFALL ALLEY**

Photographers and outdoor enthusiasts flock to the Columbia River Gorge area to enjoy the many waterfalls along the 15-mile stretch of the Historic Columbia River Highway. There are so many spectacular waterfalls, it is not surprising that this area is known as Waterfall Alley. It is impossible to see them all in one day.

Elowah Falls and Upper McCord Creek Falls (Double Hike) - Oregon

- **ELOWAH FALLS**: 1.6 miles round trip :: Moderate :: 140 ft Elevation Gain
- **UPPER MCCORD CREEK FALLS**: 2.2 miles round trip :: Moderate :: 540 ft Elevation Gain

*SUGGESTION:* Hike to Upper McCord Creek first and end the hike for a picnic at Elowah Falls. 3.8 miles total for both hikes.

At 290 feet high, Elowah Falls is one of the tallest waterfalls in the Gorge and puts off a tremendous amount of spray that refreshes your body on a hot day. The trail to Upper McCord Creek Falls takes you along a sheer rock face with switchbacks and views of steep basalt cliffs.

**GETTING THERE:** Traveling east on I-84, take exit 28 or exit 35 to the exit 35A/Ainsworth. Head west on Warrendale Rd for 1.5 miles. Turn left at the stop sign, then immediately turn right onto Frontage Rd. Drive east on Frontage Rd for 2.1 miles.

Traveling west on I-84, take exit 37/Warrendale. Head west on Warrendale Rd for about ½ mile to a stop sign. Turn left, go under the freeway and turn left again onto Frontage Rd. Drive ½ mile east to the trailhead parking lot.

No pass required

**LATOURELL FALLS**

Latourell Falls - Oregon

- **5.0 miles round trip :: More Difficult :: 1500 ft Elevation Gain**

This is a waterfall lover’s dream! There are eight waterfalls on this trip including well known Fairy Falls and Wahkeena Falls. Although Multnomah Falls is the Gorge’s signature icon and the most visited attraction in Oregon, don’t let this hike scare you away. Once you reach the top of Multnomah Falls the crowds will fizzle and this hike is well worth it. The hike is a little steep at times and is paved near Wahkeena and Multnomah Falls. There are several side trails that are well marked that will lead you to overlooks or other locations such as Wahkeena Springs, Devil’s Rest and Larch Mountain.

**GETTING THERE:** Traveling on I-84, take exit 28 or exit 35 and travel 11 miles west. Bridal Veil and travel west 3 miles on the Historic Hwy. Heading west on I-84, take exit 35 and travel 11 miles west.

No pass required

**MULTNOMAH FALLS**

Multnomah Falls is king of the 77 waterfalls on the Oregon side of the Columbia River Gorge and is the tallest waterfall in the state of Oregon. At 620 feet, only three falls in the nation are taller, but none are as picturesque as Multnomah Falls. A paved trail will take you to the Benson Bridge, where you have a perfect view of the top tiers and a great view over the second tier’s 565-foot drop. To get the full experience, hike to the top of the falls—it’s 1.2 miles and gains about 600 feet in elevation. Known as the most visited attraction in Oregon, it doesn’t let this hike scare you away. Once you reach the top of Multnomah Falls the crowds will fizzle and this hike is well worth it. The hike is a little steep at times and is paved near Wahkeena and Multnomah Falls. There are several side trails that are well marked that will lead you to overlooks or other locations such as Wahkeena Springs, Devil’s Rest and Larch Mountain.

**GETTING THERE:** Traveling east from Portland on I-84, take exit 28/Bridal Veil and travel west 3 miles on the Historic Hwy. Heading west on I-84, take exit 35 and travel 11 miles west.

No pass required

**HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY**

Historic Columbia River Highway

- Interstate
- State Hwy
- Historic Hwy
- State Park
- Waterfall
- View Point

**LEGEND**

- Interstate
- State Hwy
- Historic Hwy
- State Park
- Waterfall
- View Point

**WATERFALLS**

- Multnomah Falls
- Wahkeena Falls
- Bridal Veil Falls
- Latourell Falls

**LOCATION**

- Portland
- Vancouver
- Hood River
- Cascade Locks
- Bonneville Dam
- Elowah Falls
- Shepperd’s Dell
- Latourell Falls

**DISTANCE**

- 1 Mile
- 1 Km

**HEIGHT**

- 4,056'
When it comes to family fun, the Columbia River Gorge is home to many activities and attractions that everyone will enjoy!

Kids will love the excellent displays and activities involving the history of the Columbia River Gorge while visiting the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and the History Museum of Hood River County. Tours aboard the Mt. Hood Railroad and Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler offer special occasion events that the whole family can enjoy.

A must-see attraction at the Bonneville Fish Hatchery is Herman the Sturgeon. Herman is a 10 foot long, 425 pound humongous, prehistoric looking fish! Next door to the Fish Hatchery, Bonneville Dam offers Bradford Island Visitor Center with a fish viewing window where you can watch adult salmon swimming through the fish ladder.

Get out of your comfort zone and go on a zip line tour at the world class Skamania Lodge resort in Stevenson, Washington. Another fun option is berry picking at u-pick farms. It’s a great family outing allowing kids the chance to participate in the summer harvest and sample healthy treats. And, of course in the winter, grab your sleds and head up to Little John Sno Park near Mt. Hood, or Old Man Pass in Washington near Carson, for good old fashioned winter fun.

The opportunities are endless in the Columbia River Gorge for all ages!
24th Sundown at the Fort
26-30 Rally in the Gorge
Focuses toward sport bike, dual sport and sport touring enthusiasts. www.soundrider.com/rally
28-30 Pacific Crest Trail Days
Check out the latest outdoor gear products from suppliers and exhibitors, participate in workshops, go for a hike, huge gear raffle, hike fashion show, handcrafted garden and food vendors. Thunder Island & Marine Park, Cascade Locks, OR. Free to the public // 503-705-8769
www.facebook.com/pctdays // pcdays@tiscali.com
29 Camas Vintage & Art Fair
Hosted by Camas Antiques and the DCA 9am-6pm // www.cascadecountywa.com
30 SIP Salmon Classic
Professional and recreational Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) activities from the region and world will take to the waters of the Columbia River for the SUP Salmon Classic. Capt. William Clark Park. www.visitwahogual.com

SEPTEMBER
4-6 F Festival
Rock Music Festival at Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson. www.rockinthebluffs.org
5 Annual Columbia Gorge Aluminun Man Triathlon
Swim, run and bike along the beautiful Columbia River, The Dalles, OR // www.raceentry.com/aluminumman2015
5 Eclipton Car Show
9am-4pm // www.eclipton.com 503-806-2062
6 Stonehenge Annual Equinox: The Secrets of Stonehenge
Maryhill Museum of Art // www.maryhill.org
6-7 Columbia Gorge Crush Kickoff Weekend Experience harvest season in the Columbia Gorge. // www.columbiagorgewine.com
6 Old Timers Picnic
Cascade Locks, OR
7 Maryhill Winery Labor Day Weekend Celebration
Maryhill Winery, 9774 Hwy 14 // www.maryhillwinery.com // 1-877-MARYHILL
7 Roy Webster Channel Swim
At dawn on Labor Day each year, 500+ hearty souls jump in the mighty Columbia River at Wasco. www.maryhillwinery.com // 1-877-MARYHILL
9 14th Annual International Model A Ford Show
Celebrated in honor of the old highway and the Gorge Area. Route from the beautiful community of Cascade Locks to the picturesque community of White Salmon. www.cascadecotowinene.com
13 Annual Hood River Fly-In
Enjoy hundreds of visiting airplanes, food and activities at the WAAAM Air and Auto Museum. Bring your Model A out for a fall cruise-in and swap meet. People’s Choice awards, food & drink, door prizes // www.columbiagorge.org 503-427-8211 // 800-991-2338
13-14 Annual Carson National Fish Hatchery Kids Fishing Day
1-7pm // www.wa.gov/dnr/fishwahome.html
14 Hood River Blues & Jazz Festival
Maryhill Museum // www.maryhillwinery.com // 1-877-MARYHILL
15 Cascade to Crown
A unique cycling event initiated by the Port of Hood River and the Gorge Area. Route from the beautiful community of Cascade Locks to the picturesque community of White Salmon. www.cascadecotowinene.com
15 Hood River Hops Fest
A love/love’s dream, serving up 62 beers with 57 fresh hops, from 42 regional breweries. hoodriverhopsfest.com // 541-368-2003
16 Culture a la Carte: Harvest Moon Walk
Walk 6:30am // Moonrise 6:30pm // Full Moon 7:30pm, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center // www.gorgediscovery.org
16-20 Cascading Rivers River
First inaugural ride of the 12-Orange Schematic Bikeway along the wild and scenic Clackamas and Breitenbush rivers in the Oregon Cascade. Estacada, OR // www.cascadebikeway.org 503-630-8270
20 Gorgeous Relay
A one day running relay in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Historic Columbia River Highway // www.gorgeusrelay.com 503-380-9389
21, 22 Annual Carson National Fish Hatchery
Children’s activities, music, vendors. Thompson St. // www.oregon.gov/dnr/1-800-989-9178
21-22 Cascade to Crown: A Free Family Event in the green space in Lytle Park, Columbia City. Children’s activities, music, vendors. Lytle, WA. Visit the website to view schedule of activities // www.maryhillwinery.com
23-30 Gorge Getaway Festival
Enjoy the Gorge and music at the Gorge Getaway Festival. Featuring local brews. Downtown Washougal // www.washougal.com
23-24 Fall Folage Art Tour
Views of the works of local West Gorge artists. www.fallfoliagearttour.com // 503-669-7473
23-24 A Vintage Evening
Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, The Dalles, OR // www.gorgediscovery.org
23-24 Oktoberfest
Celebrating 220 years in Zigzag near Mt. Hood, Skybar and Grill, Zigzag, OR // www.skybarandgrill.com // 503-622-3775
23-24 Concorde de Maryhill Car Show
www.goldendaleevents.com
23-24 Concorde de Maryhill Loop
Goldendale Motorsports Association Maryhill Museum // www.goldendalemotorsports.com
24 A Kids Mountain Biking Day
www.sandyoktoberfest.net
24-25 Annual Carson National Fish Hatchery Kids Fishing Day
1-7pm // www.wa.gov/dnr/fishwahome.html
25-26 Friends of the Library
Fall Book Sale // www.oregonstate.edu
26 Best Dam Run & Walk
32nd annual event. ORRC 10K run and walk along the wild and scenic Clackamas River. Estacada, OR // www.orrc.org // 503-630-8270
26 Smithsonians: The Secret Life of Buildings
28 Camas Girls’ Night Out
Facebook.com/camasonightout
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29 Eclipton Car Show
9am-4pm // www.eclipton.com 503-806-2062
30 Cycle Oregon 2015 Week Ride
www.cycleoregon.org
30 Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Open House
9am-2pm // www.oregon.gov/dnr/1-800-989-9178
30 Oregon Historic Society: The Secrets of Stonehenge
Maryhill Museum of Art // www.maryhill.org
30-11 Columbia Gorge Harvest Celebration
3-7 Nov–Dec Polar Express Mt. Hood Railroad // www.mthood.com
6 Hometown Holidays Downtown Camas
www.downtowncamas.com
11 Holiday Inn Express & Suites
The Dalles // www.ihg.com/hotels
12 Hometown Holidays Downtown Camas
www.downtowncamas.com
11, 12 Veterans Day at Maryhill Museum Saluting veterans and active military offering free admission to both groups every Veterans Day // www.maryhill.org
14 Washington Holiday Bazaar Washougal High School // www.washougal.com
15 Rock Cove’s Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser
Rock Cask Bistro and Bar, Stevenson // www.rockcove.com // 503-427-7372
21-29 Maryhill Winery Open House & Wine Sale
Maryhill Winery, 9774 Hwy 14 // www.maryhillwinery.com // 1-877-MARYHILL
21 Swagstock Parade
Lights floats through downtown The Dalles, OR // www.oregonlive.com
22-23 3rd Annual Community Day for Festival of Trees
Lighted floats through downtown The Dalles, OR // www.oregonlive.com
24-25 3rd Annual Community Day for Festival of Trees
Lighted floats through downtown The Dalles, OR // www.oregonlive.com
25-26 Christmas Tree Lighting
Wood Village City Hall // www.villageofwoodvillae.org
28-29 Christmas in the Gorge
Starlight Parade Lights floats through downtown The Dalles, OR // www.oregonlive.com
30-11 Maryhill Winery Harvest Celebration
31 Christmas in the Gorge
Lighted floats through downtown The Dalles, OR // www.oregonlive.com
31 New Year’s Eve Celebration
Winter Gala New Year’s Eve Celebration
Wood Village City Hall // www.villageofwoodvillae.org

DECEMBER
4 Festival of Trees
Live Auction at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. 126 W 2nd Street // koconnermcnew@hoodriverinn.com // 541-296-7275
4 Trouthdale Tree Lighting/First Friday Downtown
Come to the City of Trouthdale and experience the beginning of the holiday season. // www.citritdulais.or.us // 503-669-7473
4 Photos with Santa
Tree lighting // www.downtowncamas.com
5-6 Christmas in the Gorge
Christmas in the Gorge // www.cascadecountywa.com
8-9 Christmas in the Gorge
Double decker bus tours w/ a Christmas theme. A beautiful decorated trolley, wreaths and fun holiday baskets. Hathaway Elementary, 630-24th St. The Dalles, OR. 541-386-2000 // 800-989-9178
23 Christmas in the Gorge
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