

Mt. Hood National Forest

Recreation history . . .



. . . in your national forest!

An hour's drive from Portland, you'll find historic Timberline Lodge and Silcox Hut, built in the late 1930's by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

A Bit About Them

In 1936, Timberline Lodge was the largest recreational project undertaken by the WPA in Oregon and the first of its kind on a National Forest. The purpose was to develop the economy by expanding recreation and tourism and to provide relief for the unemployed by creating jobs. Little did they know that Timberline Lodge would become a National Historic Landmark and attract nearly 2 million visitors a year from all over the world.

Just a mile up Mt. Hood from Timberline is the rustic stone and timber structure known as Silcox Hut. The structure was built in 1939 by the WPA and the CCC. The Hut was named after Ferdinand Silcox (Chief of the Forest Service, 1933-39). It served thousands of skiers and climbers for a quarter of a century.

Both places have active partners who restore, manage, and enjoy them — including RLK and Company, Friends of Timberline, Friends of Silcox Hut, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Mt. Hood National Forest, State Historic Preservation Office, and Portland Mountain Rescue.

Recognition and Meeting the Architectural Barriers Act

The restoration of Silcox Hut has drawn national recognition, while Timberline Lodge partners are making the lodge accessible throughout for visitors with disabilities.

To get involved, contact Christy Covington, 503-622-3191, or Jeff Jaqua, 503 622-3191, or see www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/volunteering.



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