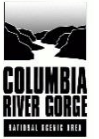




# Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Trails Update

December 18, 2018

Know Before You Go!



## General Update:

Our volunteer partners continue to improve trails throughout the Scenic Area, with recent work parties on Angel's Rest, Sams Walker, and the PCT. With the current heavy rains we are experiencing in the gorge, hikers are reminded of the dangers of flash floods, landslides, and other hazards that exist, especially on trails affected by the Eagle Creek Fire. Conditions can change throughout the day and visitors are reminded to check [NOAA Weather Forecast](#) before heading out, and to avoid hiking within the burned area during high wind and rain events.

The full length of the Historic Columbia River Highway is now open, but parking is limited and in some cases not permitted along the highway. Be advised that ongoing trail work is occurring on these and other trails, and the risk of rock falls and landslides still exists. The snow gate on Larch Mountain road is now closed for the season, though snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and biking are permitted on the road behind the gate.

Please stay on the trail for your safety! Only official system trails have been stabilized. Most of the area and trails located between Multnomah Falls and Cascade Locks remain legally closed due to remaining post-fire hazards. If you encounter closure signs on a trail, respect them as they mark dangerous, heavily impacted areas. Violators who enter closed areas are subject to citations and fines. The CRGNSA trail crew and volunteer partners are actively working on these trails and you may create a hazard for yourself and crews. For more information on which trails are open in the CRGNSA, Mt. Hood National Forest, and Oregon State Parks check [Eagle Creek Fire Closure](#).

## Washington Trails:

**Augspurger-** 10/26/18: Trail has been cleared of brush from the north trailhead to powerline, expect brushy conditions in other sections. Trail may be difficult to follow and use of a GPS unit, map and compass while hiking is suggested. Access to the upper section of Augspurger is best achieved with a 4WD vehicle.

**Balfour-Klickitat Trail-** 9/26/18: Trail is clear of debris.

**BZ Falls-** 12/18/18: Work is completed on the new trail construction.

**Cape Horn-** 12/18/18: Trail is open.

**Catherine Creek-** 12/18/18: Dogs must be on leash in the Catherine Creek trail corridor year round.

## Always Carry the Ten Essentials:

1. **Map and compass: and know how to use them**
2. **Sun protection: sunglasses, sunscreen, hat**
3. **Insulation: extra clothing and rain gear**
4. **Illumination: headlamp or flashlight and extra batteries**
5. **First-aid kit**
6. **Fire starter and matches**
7. **Knife or multi tool**
8. **Extra food: at least one day's worth**
9. **Water and a way to purify it**
10. **Emergency shelter**



WTA volunteers improving the Sams Walker trail

**Coyote Wall Trail System-** 12/18/18: **Dogs must be on leash from December 1- June 30.** Consider carpooling or visiting during non-peak periods. Expect crowds on weekends and holidays.

**Dog Mountain-** 12/18/18: Parking is not permitted on SR 14, consider carpooling or visiting during non-peak periods.

**Klickitat Trail-** 12/18/18: Trail clear of logs.

**Sams Walker-** 12/18/18: Trail clear of logs.

**St. Cloud-** 12/18/18: Trail clear of logs.

## **Oregon Trails:**

**Angel's Rest-** 12/18/18: Trail is clear of logs and debris.

**Deadwood-** 12/18/18: Trail has been cleared of logs and debris.

**Devil's Rest-** 12/18/18: Trail is clear of logs and debris.

**Gorge 400-** 12/18/18: Wyeth to Herman Creek section is open, expect debris on trail. **Wyeth trail is still closed.**

**Gorton Creek-** 12/18/18: Trail has been cleared up to the Deadwood junction. Expect logs on this trail.

**Herman Bridge-** 12/18/18: Trail has been cleared of logs and debris.

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**Horsetail Falls-** 12/18/18: Trail is open to Ponytail Falls but closed beyond this point.

**Larch Mountain-** 12/18/18: There is a small slide on the switchbacks above Dutchman Tunnel. Trail is now open from Multnomah Falls Lodge to Sherrard Point on Larch Mountain. Note that access is primarily available from Multnomah Falls, as the snow gate on Larch Mountain Road is closed for winter.

**Mt. Defiance-** 12/18/18: Trail has not been cleared, expect rugged conditions.

**Multnomah Spur-** 12/18/18: Trail is open, but access is limited due to the snow gate being closed.

**Multnomah Way-** 12/18/18: Trail is open, but access is limited due to the snow gate being closed.

**Nick Eaton-** 12/18/18: Trail may be difficult to navigate beyond the junction with Gorton Creek trail.

**Ridge Cutoff-** 12/18/18: The connector trail from Gorton Creek to Nick Eaton is open.

**Sandy River Delta-** 12/18/18: Trails are open; dogs must be leashed on the Confluence Trail.

**Starvation Ridge-** 12/18/18: Trail is accessed via Hole-In-The-Wall Falls, off the Historic Highway State Trail. **The Cut-off trail, managed by Oregon State Parks, is closed due to a washout.**

**Wahkeena-** 12/18/18: Trail is clear of logs and debris.

## **Pacific Crest Trail:**

PCT is open, though an area closure remains in effect for Benson Plateau, making it illegal to hike off trail through that area. Thanks to the hard work of PCTA volunteers, trail has been cleared of logs and debris from Moody Avenue south. Please check the [PCTA website](#) for information on additional PCT trail closures and conditions.

## **Due to the Eagle Creek Fire the following trails maintained by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area are closed:**

**Bell Creek  
Eagle Creek  
Franklin Ridge  
Gorge 400  
Horsetail Creek**

**Moffett Creek  
Nesmith Point  
Oneonta  
Ruckel Creek**

**Tanner Butte  
Tanner Creek  
Wahclella Falls  
Wauna Viewpoint  
Wyeth**