



Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Trails Update

October 31, 2018

Know Before You Go!



General Update:

CRGNSA crews continue to work on installing a new bridge on the Wahkeena Falls Trail. The PCTA has been working s on the Larch Mountain Trail above Multnomah Falls with TKO working on the Angels Rest Trail.

Due to active rockslides, the time frame for opening the Historic Highway between Bridal Veil and Ainsworth State Parks remains uncertain. For more information on which trails are open in the CRGNSA, Mt. Hood National Forest, and Oregon State Parks check [Eagle Creek Fire Closure](#).

Please stay on the trail and remember that cross country (off trail) travel in the Eagle Creek Fire perimeter is prohibited. 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.

The fall rainy season has arrived and winter weather is on the way. Check the [NOAA Weather Forecast](#) before heading out. It's strongly recommended to avoid hiking the burned area during high wind and rainfall events.

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: 10/26/18 - Work is completed on the new trail construction.

Cape Horn: 10/26/18 - Trail is open. Expect brush and debris on newly opened portion of trail.

Catherine Creek: 10/26/2018 - Open-Dogs must be on leash in the Catherine Creek Trail corridor year round.

Coyote Wall Trail System: 10/26/2018 - Dogs must be on leash from December 1- June 30. Consider carpooling or visiting during non-peak during nonpeak periods. Expect crowds on weekends and holidays.

Dog Mountain: 10/26/2018 - Parking is not permitted on SR 14, consider carpooling or visiting Dog Mountain during non-peak periods. Expect congestion on weekends and holidays.

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**



PCTA working on the Larch Mt. Trail

Klickitat Trail: 10/26/18 - Trail clear of logs.

Sams Walker: 10/26/18 - Trail clear of logs.

St. Cloud: 10/26/18 - Trail clear of logs.

Oregon Trails:

Six miles of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail, the paved bike and walking path, has re-opened between John B. Yeon Trailhead and Cascade Locks.

Deadwood: 10/26/18 - Trail has been cleared of logs and debris.

Gorge 400: 10/26/18 - Wyeth to Herman Creek section is open, expect some debris on trail. **Wyeth trail is still closed.**

Gorton Creek: 10/29/18 -Trail has been cleared of debris up to the Deadwood junction. Expect logs on this trail.

Herman Bridge: 10/19/18 - Trail has been cleared of logs and debris.

Herman Creek: 10/26/18 - Herman Creek Trail is now fully cleared of logs.

Mt. Defiance: 10/19/18 - Expect poison oak along trail. Trail has not yet been cleared, expect rugged conditions.

Nick Eaton: 10/19/18 - Trail may be difficult to navigate beyond the junction with Gorton Creek trail.

Ridge Cutoff: 10/19/18 - This connector trail from Gorton Creek to Nick Eaton trail is open.

Sandy River Delta: 10/26/2018 - Trails are open, dogs must be leashed on the Confluence Trail.

Starvation Ridge: 10/19/18 - Expect poison oak along trail. **Starvation Ridge Cut-off trail, managed by Oregon State Parks, is closed due to a washout on the trail.**

Pacific Crest Trail:

PCT is open from Wahtum Lake to Bridge of the Gods. Thanks to the hard work of PCTA volunteers, trail is clear of logs and debris from Moody Avenue south to Teakettle Springs. Please check the [PCTA website](#) for information on additional PCT trail closures and conditions.

Due to hazards related to the Eagle Creek Fire in September of 2017 the following trails maintained by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area are closed:

Angels Rest
Bell Creek
Devil's Rest
Eagle Creek

Gorge 400
Horsetail Creek
Larch Mountain
Moffett Creek

Multnomah Spur
Multnomah Way
Nesmith Point
Oneonta

Ruckle Creek
Tanner Butte
Tanner Creek
Wahclella Falls

Wahkeena Falls
Wauna View Point
Wyeth



Crews creating gabions for the new bridge on the Wahkeena Falls Trail