

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Trails Update

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Know Before You Go!



General Update:

Crews continue working hard to assess, repair and stabilize closed trails across the CRGNSA and Mt. Hood National Forest trails, following strict safety protocols. Remember, closed areas are not yet safe for the public and entering them not only puts hikers at risk, but endangers crews. Search and Rescue responders may not be able to assist hikers who enter the closure area and need emergency response.

Trails that start at Starvation Creek State Park have been popular since they recently reopened, but parking is limited. Carpool, go early, or go mid-week. Hikers are reminded that there are many natural hazards at Starvation Ridge and Mt. Defiance trails – these are rugged trails.

Check [Eagle Creek Fire Closure](#) for closure information before heading out on hikes and remain only on open trails. Always look for closure signs and observe them, because they mark closed trails that lead into dangerous, heavily impacted areas. Violators that enter closed areas are subject to citations and fines.

Multnomah Falls Lodge and lower viewing platform are open but only accessible via the I-84 parking lot. During peak periods, a shuttle from Rooster Rock is available to alleviate congestion in the I-84 lot; follow signs if the lot is full. The Columbia River Historic Highway and many CRGNSA trails east of Sandy River Delta on the Oregon side of the National Scenic Area remain closed. We continue to work with partners, Oregon Department of Transportation, and Oregon State Parks to coordinate work on trails closed by the Eagle Creek Fire.

Permits are required to hike Dog Mountain on Saturdays and Sundays this year, through July 1. These can be obtained online or by riding the Dog Mountain Shuttle at Skamania Fairgrounds. Learn more at [Hike Dog Mountain](#).

Find ideas for new adventures in the vicinity of the Gorge at [Favorite Gorge Trail Closed?](#)

Washington Trails:

Augspurger- Trail may be difficult to follow in some sections. 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- Trail is clear of debris 5/22/18

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**



Volunteers and CRGNSA Trail Crew working on Gorton Creek trail

BZ Falls- Trail is wet and muddy in places 5/22/18

Cape Horn- Seasonal Peregrine Falcon closure is in effect starting February 1 [Cape Horn Seasonal Closure](#)

Catherine Creek- Dogs must be on leash in the Catherine Creek trail corridor year round

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

Dog Mountain- Information about the new permit system and Skamania County shuttle service can be found at [New Permit System at Dog Mountain](#). Parking is not permitted on SR 14, consider carpooling or visiting Dog Mountain during non-peak periods. Expect congestion on weekends and holidays.

Klickitat Trail- Trail clear of logs 5/22/18

Sams Walker: Trail clear of logs 5/22/18

St. Cloud: Trail clear of logs 5/22/18

PCT: Open north of Bridge of the Gods. Please check the [PCTA website](#) for more information on trail closures.

Oregon Trails:

Sandy River Delta: Trails are open, dogs must be leashed on the Confluence Trail.

Starvation Ridge: A washout on Starvation Ridge Cut-off trail approximately .5 miles from trailhead makes for a challenging scramble. Expect poison oak along trail 5/22/18

Mt. Defiance: Expect poison oak along trail 5/22/18. Downed trees from Eagle Creek Fire and winter have not yet been cleared so expect rugged conditions.

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

Angel's Rest
Bell Creek
Devil's Rest
Eagle Creek
Franklin Ridge
Gorge 400
Gorton Creek

Herman Bridge
Herman Creek
Horsetail Creek
Horsetail Falls
Larch Mountain
Moffett Creek
Multnomah Spur

Multnomah Way
Nesmith Point
Nick Eaton
Oneonta
Ridge Cutoff
Ruckel Creek
Tanner Butte

Tanner Creek
Wahclella Falls
Wahkeena
Wauna Viewpoint
Wyeth



Clearing rock from the Multnomah Falls (Larch Mountain) trail