

## MULTNOMAH FALLS LODGE RE-OPENING FAQ

### What has the US Forest Service (USFS), Multnomah Falls Lodge Co., and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) done to ensure a safe re-opening?

- Before re-opening, the US Forest Service (USFS), Multnomah Falls Lodge Co., and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) aligned with Federal, State and County direction to address the ongoing threat of COVID19 before re-opening.
- Signed foot traffic direction is now required to facilitate adequate social distancing when navigating the falls. [Download the flow-of-traffic map.](#)
- Face coverings are required both inside the Historic Lodge and in all outdoor areas on the Multnomah Falls Recreation Area for all visitors over the age of 5 and all staff members. Visitors unable to wear a face covering for medical reasons are exempt. Visitors may lower/remove face coverings while eating and drinking. Adequate face coverings must cover the nose and mouth.
- Social Distancing is required for all visitors inside the Historic Lodge and on the Multnomah Falls Plaza and walkway leading to the viewing platform. This is possible by limiting the number of visitors to the Multnomah Falls Recreation Area in accordance with the site's indoor and outdoor square footage.
- Appropriate measures are established to enforce the maintenance of social distance standards and to keep visitor numbers at or below state gathering limits.
- The number of visitors allowed into the Multnomah Falls Recreation Area has been restricted to encourage social distancing guidelines and to maintain adequate crowd numbers.
- "Check-In" stations will be located at a designated entrance to the site and appropriate barriers (stanchions) will be placed on the property to encourage visitors to follow a designated direction of foot-traffic.
- Should the maximum number of people be within the area, a line will form for access people will be required to social distance and wear face coverings as well.

### What is different from previous years?

- Access to Multnomah Falls and the Multnomah Falls Historic Lodge is available by reservation only through [recreation.gov](#) or by acquiring a ticket on the [Columbia Gorge Express](#) bus.
- Operating Hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
- The eastbound I-84 (exit 31) parking lot is the **only** place visitors can park in order to enter the falls.



- Service for Multnomah Falls on the Columbia Gorge Express Bus begins on August 29<sup>th</sup>. To reserve a seat visit [www.ridecatbus.org](http://www.ridecatbus.org).
- The Historic Columbia River Highway re-opened from Bridal Veil to Ainsworth State Park.
- The Parking Lot on the Historic Columbia River Highway, directly across from Multnomah Falls Lodge is closed.
- There is No Parking/Stopping or Dropping-Off visitors on the Historic Columbia River Highway. To visit Multnomah Falls, **visitors must use the I-84 Parking Lot.**
- Restrooms at the Multnomah Falls Recreation Area and inside the Historic Lodge will remain closed due to social distancing guidelines. Portable Restrooms will be available in the closed Historic Columbia River Highway parking lot.
- All concessions inside the Historic Lodge (restaurant) will be take-out only, to be consumed outside the Lodge, on the Plaza. Outdoor concessions (Snack Bar, Espresso) will remain “to-go” and consumed on the Plaza.
- The Multnomah Falls Gift Shop will now be in two locations, upstairs and downstairs inside the Historic Lodge, to maintain adequate social distancing while shopping for souvenirs. Separate entrances and exits will be utilized.
- The USFS and Multnomah Falls Co., Inc require adequate social distancing (6ft) for all visitors at the Multnomah Falls Recreation Area.

### How do we get in?

- The site is available from 9:00 am through 6:00 pm by reservation only to ensure gathering size limits are not exceeded.
- Reserve your spot at least one day in advance by visiting [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) or by traveling on the [Columbia Gorge Express](#).

### What do we need to do in the I-84 parking lot?

- Honor all guidance
- If the gate is closed, please continue driving east on Interstate 84 and check back before your 1-hour reservation time slot expires.
- From the parking lot, there will be a one-way route through the tunnel and visitors will stay on the west side. When returning from the Lodge to the lot, visitors will say on the east side.
- If the Multnomah Falls Recreation Area has the maximum number, then people will wait in line with six-foot social distancing.
- Please drive responsibly and use appropriate behavior when entering the I-84 lot at Exit 31. This is critically important for the Multnomah Falls Recreation Area to remain accessible for emergency vehicles.

