The Historic Columbia River Highway’s Waterfall Corridor includes many spectacular waterfalls that are viewable just off the road. Many more can be found by taking short or long hikes. With scenic driving, picnic areas, and hikes, this popular area gets crowded on weekends, so plan ahead and consider arriving early (before 9 a.m.), visiting on weekday mornings and on cooler, rainy days to avoid crowds. Some areas may require advanced reservations or permits. Parking at most trailheads is limited. Always have two backup destinations in mind in case your top choice is too crowded or the parking area is full.


Some Forest Service sites in the Columbia River Gorge require that visitors pay a fee or display a valid pass to maintain or enhance the sites’ amenities.

- Bridge of the Gods Trailhead
- Dog Mountain Trailhead
- Eagle Creek Recreation Area
- Herman Creek Trailhead
- Larch Mountain Recreation Area
- Bonneville Trailhead
- Sam’s Walker Picnic Site
- St. Cloud Picnic Site
- Wahclella Falls Trailhead
- Wych Creek Trailhead

Forest Service fee areas require a $5/vehicle day use fee. Valid NW Forest Pass and other federal recreation passes are accepted (but not state parks passes) as a form of paying the day use fee. Enjoy the convenience of buying a Digital Recreation Pass for Forest Service fee sites in the Scenic Area.

*In addition to recreation fee, a limited entry permit may be required and is available at Recreation.gov.