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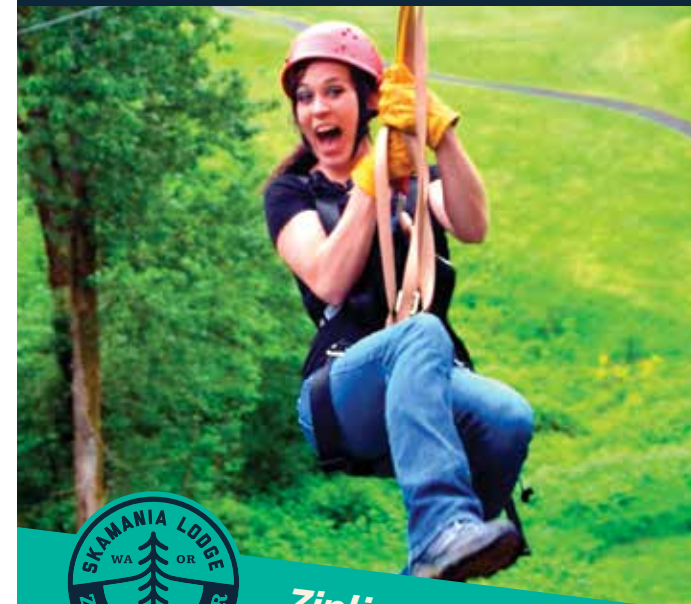


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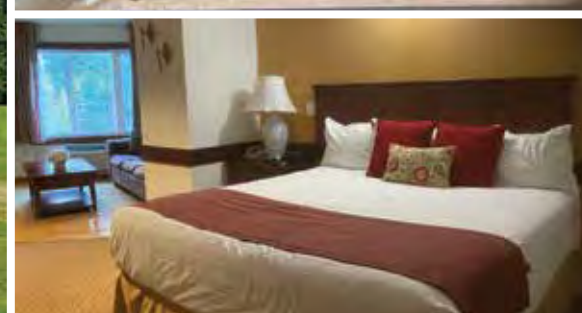
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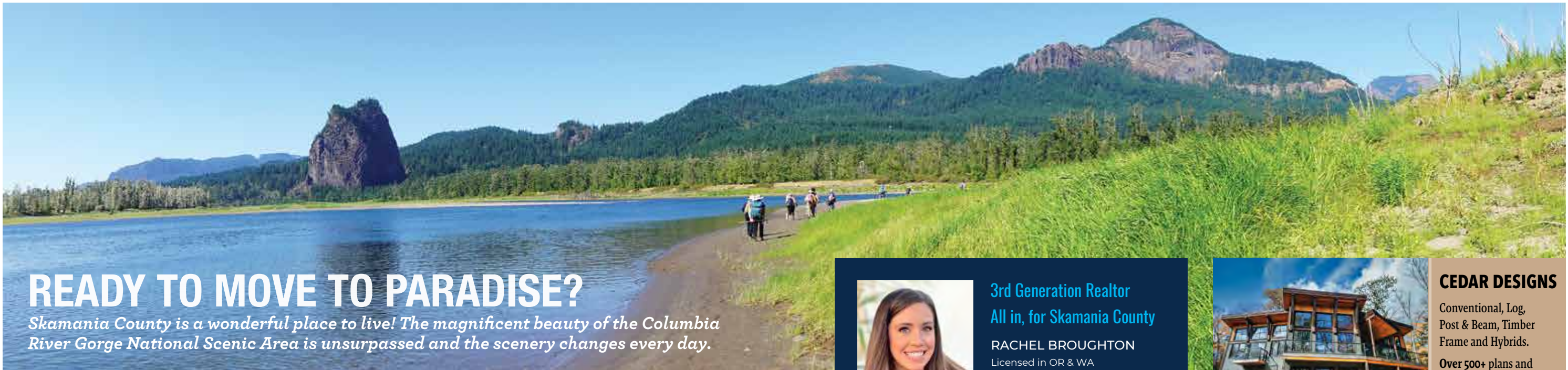
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You could create an artist's palette from the colorful shades of the Cascade Mountains with the amazing sunsets over the Columbia River to the incredible lush green foliage in the rain forest. Skamania County is not only immersed in natural beauty, there are some very friendly people as well. Small business owners will greet you with a smile and remember your name the next time you return. Service providers are always happy to assist. Government workers keep everything running smoothly no matter what the season.

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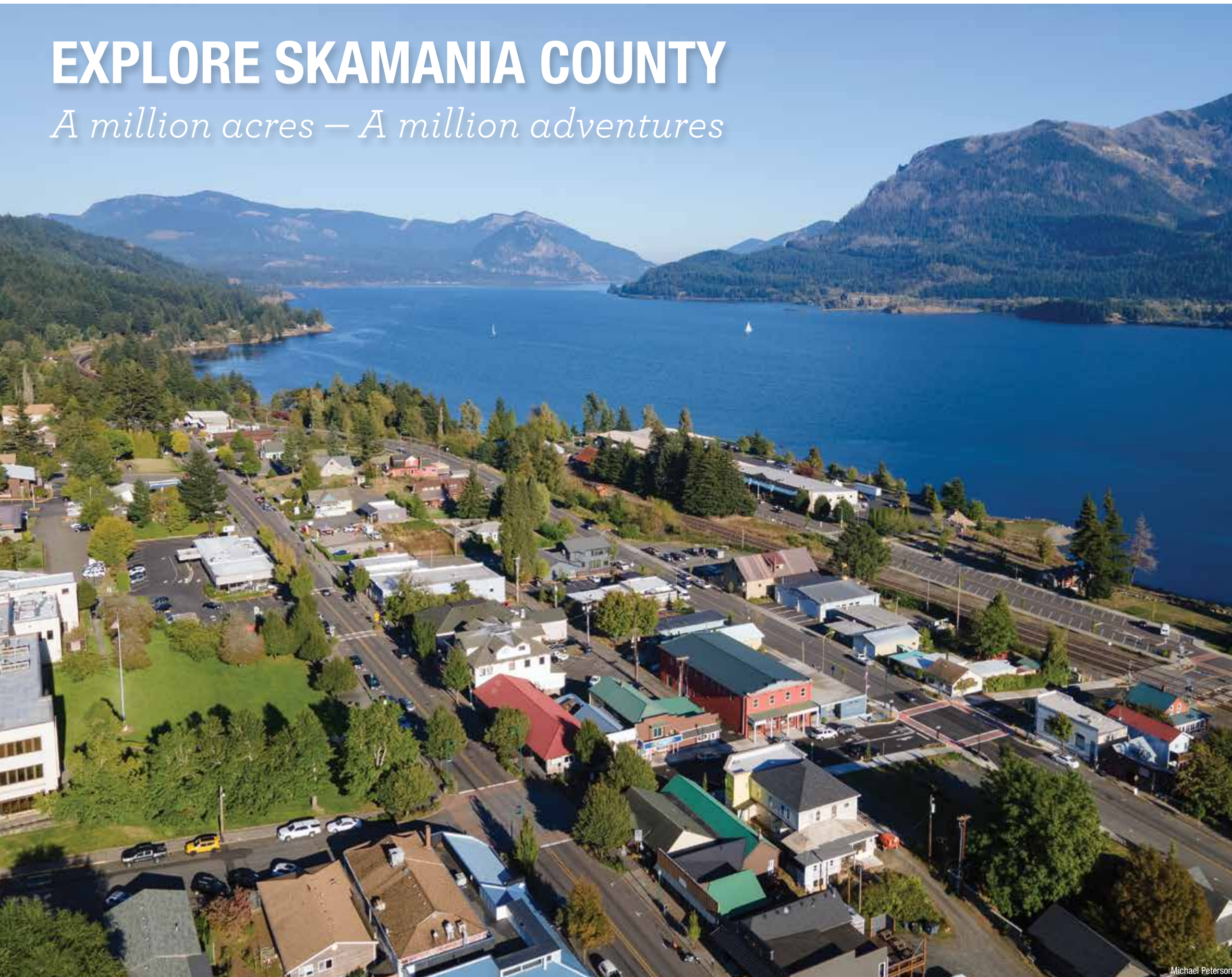
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Are you searching for off the beaten path adventures and authentic travel experiences? Look no further! Skamania County has a million acres with a million adventures just waiting for you.

While you are here, enjoy our natural beauty with something different to explore around every corner. Mount St. Helens, with its dramatic presence, keeps watch over the northwest corner of our County. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest offers outdoor enthusiasts endless adventures year-round. The Pacific Crest Trail travels north from the Columbia River right through the middle of Skamania County. And the stunning vistas found throughout the Columbia River National Scenic Area are world renowned. Combine all these natural wonders with the friendly people, premiere lodging, delectable dining, award-winning beverages, unique shopping, plus a variety of festivals and events and we truly become a dream destination.

Skamania County welcomes you to explore the unlimited opportunities within our borders. If this is your first visit, we hope you use this guide to lead you to all that we have to offer. If you are returning, welcome back! Use this tool to help you discover new favorites each time you visit. Thinking of calling Skamania County home? This guide is an excellent resource for information on government agencies and service providers along with helpful statistics about our weather, employment and much more.

Whether you are visiting or considering relocating or you're a long time resident looking for activities while family and friends are in town, please stop by the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce for help. We are happy to provide you with maps, brochures, passes, guides, recommendations and even some hints on Bigfoot sighting locations! (Please remember that Skamania County is an official Bigfoot refuge so you can only shoot the large hairy ape with a camera.) Your time here is sure to be memorable and this magazine is the perfect start to planning your own Skamania County experience.

Skamania County, Washington... a million acres, a million adventures! We are pleased to share this incredible place that we call home with you.

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The Chamber's Visitor Information Center is located at:
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DINING OUT

Stevenson, Washington

After a day of hiking or sightseeing, you will want to sit back and relax with a fine meal at **Big River Grill** where music, lighting and general ambiance provide customers with an immediate sense of casual warmth and welcome. Make sure to visit **Skamania Lodge** where there is a selection of dining experiences to meet every request. The award winning **Cascade Room** is a highlight of the lodge featuring Pacific Northwest cuisine. You can enjoy a delightful meal by the river rock fireplace or seasonal outdoor dining at the **River Rock Lounge** or choose the **Backyard Grill** located outside by the golf course.

Walking Man Brewing is not only famous for its award winning beer and beautiful dog friendly gardens but also serves up delicious pub food and artisan pizza. **Red Bluff Tap House** is a family owned bar and restaurant featuring locally sourced cider, wine, spirits along with a variety of handcrafted beers on tap offering great pairings for the chef's creations. **Clark and Lewie's** waterfront restaurant on the Columbia River is a unique dining experience offering seasonal northwest cuisine. **54-40 Beer Lodge** is a new taproom in downtown Stevenson and is all about New York style pizza and a shareable family friendly menu. **A & J Select** and **Subway** are conveniently located downtown for you to grab your favorite sub sandwich or deli items.

At **Hotel Stevenson**, you will discover **77 Cafe & Wine Bar** serving coffee and small plate breakfast items in the mornings then transitioning to wine, beer and small plate appetizers in the late afternoon and evenings.

North Bonneville, Washington

Trailhead Taproom is located near the biking trails offering beer and cider on tap along with homemade soups, sandwiches, vegan options and special treats. Not only a taproom but a bike shop as well!

Carson, Washington

Make sure to visit popular brew pub and restaurant **Backwoods Brewing** which offers delicious local brews, wines, gourmet pizza and outdoor seating. Grab breakfast, lunch or your favorite coffee and tea at **Crosscut Espresso & Deli**. Indulge in homemade baked goods, and they have ice cream too! Stop by the **Carson General Store** or **Wind River Market** for take n' bake pizzas, delicatessen and all of your grocery needs. Enjoy your meal at the **Elk Ridge Clubhouse** while you look out at the beautiful grounds at **Carson Hot Springs Golf & Spa Resort**.

Cascade Locks, Oregon

Across the river, you will find **Bridgeside** restaurant (formerly known as The Charburger). This historic restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and is located next to the landmark Bridge of the Gods. Sit back and enjoy delicious food and cold beer at **Thunder Island Brewing** where brewing beer is inspired by a love for outdoor adventure.



Whether you consider eating out for a special event or just want to relax after a day of exploring, Skamania County and the surrounding area offer a variety of choices. Outdoor dining with spectacular views is an added feature at several establishments, inviting you to enjoy the mountains and Columbia River.



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Beer lovers are discovering that they don't need to venture too far into the Columbia River Gorge to satisfy their thirst.

The west end is booming with seven popular breweries and tap rooms. Not only known for great beer, these establishments offer fabulous food, live music and dog friendly gardens.

Established in 1999, **Walking Man Brewing** brewed what would become known as Pale Strider Pale Ale on Thanksgiving Day of 2000. The 20-barrel brew house was designed with a single infusion mash tun, steam fired kettle and open fermenters.

With a resurgence of energy and a focus on crafting quality brews from many of the original award-winning recipes, Walking Man continues to create a legacy of craft beer in the Columbia River Gorge.

Thunder Island Brewing has the distinct privilege of providing beer to thirsty adventurers. Their location is unique in that Cascade Locks is the only town physically on the Pacific Crest Trail as well as specifically on the Lewis and Clark Trail cycling route, as mapped by Adventure Cycling. Thunder Island Brewing makes original beers inspired by a love for outdoor adventures, with a nod to local history and respect for all that the scenic Columbia River Gorge has to offer.

Backwoods Brewing Company's reputation is growing by leaps and bounds due to hard work, passion and dedication. This small town brew pub is known for delicious, refreshing beer, renowned pizza and a quirky local culture. Stop by the next time you're up in the woods hiking, mountain biking or skiing at Oldman Pass.

Red Bluff Tap House is a family owned bar and restaurant, featuring locally sourced beer, cider, wine, spirits and gastropub culinary offerings. With sixteen taps including local brews, cider and wine, the Red Bluff Tap House offers great pairings for the chef's creations.

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York style pizza and a shareable family friendly menu.

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Are you a whiskey enthusiast? Satisfy your craving for some moonshine by visiting the Stevenson Waterfront.

Skunk Brothers Spirits was born out of a crazy idea two brothers had while home-brewing beer and drinking whiskey. Today they bring whiskey and moonshine to the forefront at their distillery on the waterfront in Stevenson, Washington. Stop by and taste the apple pie and cinnamon moonshine.

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IBU stands for International Bitterness Units which measures the bitterness from hops in a beer on a scale from 0-100. (Note: Though IBUs help you better understand what style of beer you like in terms of bitterness, it's important to note that the bitterness of beer is also affected by the malts, thus some less bitter due to sweet malts.

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As you travel through wine country, note the change in terrain as you head east along the Columbia River. From the lush and thick forested areas of the central gorge to the dry, arid rolling hills of the eastern side. The tasting rooms are relaxed and inviting, the traffic is low and the winemakers are eager to share their love for wine as you visit their vineyards.

The Columbia Gorge is home to 90+ vineyards and more than 50 wineries, all in a 40-mile radius.

Stop by the Visitor Information Center at Skamania County Chamber of Commerce, 167 NW 2nd Street (Highway 14) in Stevenson to

pick up the newest version of the Columbia Gorge Wine Map. Then plan your day accordingly as you travel east through the Columbia River Gorge and taste the wonderful varieties of wine offered in the region's newest appellation. Make sure you visit **Maryhill Winery**, one of the most scenic wineries in the United States. Sit back on the covered arbor and listen to music every summer weekend while picnicking and taking in the majestic views of Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.

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Dianne Shute

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The newly remodeled **Hotel Stevenson** offers twelve stylish rooms, all uniquely embellished with character and rich color. A cafe and wine bar are onsite along with the riverfront pathway just two blocks away.

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COMMUNITIES

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The communities in Skamania County are made up of ten small towns offering postcard landscapes and friendly locals. While each small town has its own unique appeal, each and every one is worth exploring. The annual summer Stevenson Waterfront Farmers Market is a favorite outdoor riverfront activity. On rainy days (or sunny days) you can visit The Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum or shop for your favorite book at the North Bank Books store.

All in all, the communities that make up Skamania County are waiting for you to come and visit. And don't forget to cross the iconic Bridge of the Gods to visit Cascade Locks, Oregon.

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SKAMANIA

Skamania and Skamania Landing are located on the Washington side of the Columbia River, 15 miles west of Stevenson. Residential homes, a public school and general store are the makings of this small community, with hiking and picnicking opportunities at nearby **Sam's Walker** and **St. Cloud Day Use Sites**. **Franz Lake Refuge** is a popular place for wintering tundra swans.

NORTH BONNEVILLE

Recreation runs year-round at North Bonneville. Enjoy beautiful views of Beacon Rock as you play nine holes in paradise. An 18 hole disc golf course is located in a park-like setting which blends perfectly with the city's **Discovery Trail** system. Discover the 12 miles of paved pathways that offer biking and hiking, leading adventurers to 30 wooden Bigfoot statues. You will also find **Pierce National Wildlife Refuge**, which encompasses wetlands and uplands along the north shore of the Columbia River west of the town of North Bonneville.

SWIFT AREA

Heading west along the **Swift Reservoir** on Forest Road 90 in Skamania County, travelers will find the communities of the Swift Area. The 13-mile-long reservoir is surrounded by the beauty of Mount St. Helens and Gifford Pinchot National Forest, attracting hikers, bikers, boaters, fishermen and sun seekers. A public boat launch and campground are located at the reservoir. Wintertime as well offers many possibilities, from snowmobiling to cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

STEVENSON

On the north bank of the Columbia River lies the historic community of Stevenson, Washington. The town itself is nestled between the mountains and rugged basalt cliffs of the Gorge to the north and the Columbia River to the south. Views of the Gorge in and around Stevenson are breathtaking and not to be missed. One can only delight in discovering this welcome respite from the big city. There is something for everyone in this quaint waterfront town.

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STABLER

Also known as "Hemlock," Stabler is a small community in the southernmost region of the **Gifford Pinchot National Forest**. As the "Gateway to Mount St. Helens," Stabler is a year round recreation area. Activities include hunting, fishing, hiking with access to the **Pacific Crest Trail**, camping and snowmobiling. A plethora of forest products can be obtained, with permit, such as edible mushrooms, huckleberries and beargrass.

CARSON

Carson, Washington is the gateway to the **Gifford Pinchot National Forest**, **Oldman Pass** and **Mount St. Helens**. This sleepy little town is the perfect "base" from which to experience the many recreational opportunities found in the region. Wind River Highway runs directly through Carson leading to world class fishing, hunting, hiking, mountain biking, berry and mushroom picking, sledding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and beautiful scenery. This small unincorporated town has intimate cabin lodging, a historical hot springs golf and spa resort and an award-winning brewpub.



HOME VALLEY

Home Valley, Washington, is located near the mouth of the Wind River just 10 miles east of Stevenson. Popular ball fields, picnic area, sandy swimming beach and playground are all found at the county park on the riverfront. Two RV/tent campgrounds, quaint cabins, a gas station and mini-mart are conveniently located next to some of the best fishing in the world.

UNDERWOOD

Underwood is located at the far eastern end of Skamania County. The **Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery** in Underwood raises over 15 million Tule Fall Chinook salmon each year. From the hatchery, visitors can also watch large numbers of windsurfers and kiteboarders enjoying the brisk winds at this world-class sailing site.

MILL A, WILLARD & COOK

Mill A and the neighboring communities of Willard and Cook, Washington are located on the eastern side of Skamania County. Willard was home to **Broughton Lumber Flume**, a nine-mile-long, 1000-foot-drop, wooden lumber slide. For decades the Broughton Lumber Co. timbered in the mountains, sending their logs to the riverside mill. A 1967 TV episode of **Lassie** made the flume famous as the popular collie floated down the chute to the Broughton Lumber mill. The small community of Cook is home to the **Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery**.

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Skamania County Events Schedule 2022

SAILING EVENTS & CLINICS

Sailors travel from all over the world for the consistent and dependable wind that blows throughout the Columbia River Gorge. Cascade Locks, Oregon, located across the Bridge of the Gods, is home base for over 11 regattas annually.

2022 Sailboat Races Event Schedule

- › NWCSA Rainier Cup, April 9–10
- › Gorge Invite, May 7–8
- › RS Aero Pre-Worlds, June 18–19
- › RS Aero Clinic, June 21–23
- › RS Aero Worlds, June 24–July 1
- › Wind Clinic, July 11–14
- › Gorge Blowout, July 15
- › Wind Regatta, July 16–17
- › USODA US Nationals, July 19–24
- › CGOD, July 30–31
- › Laser Clinic, August 2–4
- › Skamania Coves Invitational, August 5–7

* Schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Saturdays from mid-June to mid-October
Stevenson Waterfront Farmers Market
 10am–2pm / 140 SW Cascade Ave., Stevenson, WA

MAY

Friday–Saturday, May 6–7
Vintage Shabby Chic Sale
 Skamania County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Friday 3–7pm, Saturday 11am–5pm. Skamania County Community Events & Recreation. / 509-427-3980

Saturday, May 7
First Annual Skamania Sip and Stroll Event
 A festival that showcases the amazing array of craft beverages in our region and unique shopping in Downtown Stevenson. 12–5pm. 509-427-8911 / www.facebook.com/skamania.chamber

Saturday, May 7
Skamania County Community Garage Sale
 Skamania County Fairgrounds Stock Barn, Stevenson. 11am–5pm / 509-427-3980
parks@co.skamania.wa.us

Thursday–Saturday, May 19–21
Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale and More!
 May 19 is members only; May 20–21 are open to the public. Stevenson Community Library. 509-427-5471

Saturday, May 21
CGICM 27th Anniversary Celebration & 62 Annual General Membership Meeting
 Annual free admission day. Demonstrations of traditional hand crafts and music. Meeting: election of Board Members at 2:30pm. 800-991-2338
www.columbiagorge.org

JUNE

Saturday, June 11
National Get Outdoors Day
 Between 10am–2pm, join park rangers at Bonneville Dam's Ft. Cascades National Historic site for family-friendly activities aimed at getting youth outdoors. 541-374-8344
www.nwp.usace.army.mil

Friday–Saturday, June 24–25
Gorge Blues and Brews Festival in Stevenson, WA
 Microbrews and wines from the Columbia Gorge, food and live blues music. Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson. 509-427-8911 or 800-989-9178
www.gorgebluesandbrews.com

Sunday, June 26
Cowboy Breakfast
 Annual Cowboy Breakfast at Camp Howe in Hemlock. 8am–1pm
 509-427-5991

JULY

Monday, July 4
Mill A Community 4th of July Parade & Picnic
 The best old-fashioned parade in Skamania County! Parade route is along Jessup Road in Mill A and begins at 10:30am, followed by the Fireman's Picnic at 11:30am. 509-538-2643

Monday, July 4
4th of July Ice Cream Social
 Enjoy socializing with friends and neighbors over a scoop or two of ice cream beginning at 2pm in the fields next to the Skamania County PUD in Carson.

Monday, July 4
Traditional 4th of July Celebration with Fireworks Display
 Live music and fireworks at dusk at Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson. / 509-427-3980
parks@co.skamania.wa.us

Friday–Saturday, July 8–9
Gorge Outrigger Races
 Outrigger Canoe racers paddle the Columbia River and compete for prizes. Call Waterwalker at 541-400-0187.
www.thegorgerace.com

Thursday–Sunday, July 21–24
GorgeGrass
 Formerly known as Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival at Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson. Concerts, workshops, contests. / 509-427-3980
www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net

Friday–Sunday, July 22–24
Bridge of the Gods Kiteboarding Festival
 Freestyle format kiteboarding competition, downwind race and food on the Stevenson waterfront. www.botgkitefest.com

AUGUST

Friday–Saturday, August 5–6
Stevenson Waterfront Music Festival
 This festival spans the entire waterfront in Stevenson, with great live music, local food and drinks, and fun for all ages! www.facebook.com/stevensonwaterfrontmusicfestival

Wednesday–Saturday, August 17–20
Skamania County Fair
 Free fair, entertainment, animals, parade, timber carnival and family fun for everyone. Call Skamania County Fair Office: 509-427-3980.
www.skamaniafair.com

SEPTEMBER

United Way Campaign Kickoff
 Help make a difference — all dollars raised are spent in our local communities.
www.unitedwaygorge.org

Saturday, September 3
Show N' Shine
 Annual 26th show at Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum in Stevenson. Cars/trucks cruise-in and swap meet. Judge's Choice awards, food vendors, music, raffles and door prizes. Spectators free. Museum open, admission fees apply. 12–4pm. 509-427-8211 or 800-991-2338
www.columbiagorge.org

Saturday, September 10
Cedar Creek Alpacas Anniversary Celebration
 Live music, free family fun, door prizes and farm store. 11am–5pm. www.cedarcreekalpacas.com

Saturday, September 17
Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery Open House
 9am–3pm / 509-493-1730

Saturday, September 24
Annual Carson National Fish Hatchery Kids Fishing Day
 8am–1pm / 509-427-5905

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 1
Logtoberfest
 Celebrating the culture of Skamania County — Sasquatch and logging. Country music, regional craft beer, local wine, cider and spirits, food vendors, craft vendors with chainsaw carving, logging equipment demonstrations and more. Gorge-ous Weddings at Wind Mountain Ranch in Home Valley. 12–6pm, free admission. 800-989-9178

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Saturdays, 10am to 2pm from mid-June to mid-October

*Located on the Stevenson Landing
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Hosted by the Port of Skamania

October 1–31
Artists in the Gorge
 Local art display at Stevenson Community Library. / 509-427-5471

Saturday, October 8
Alpaca Pumpkin Fest
 Alpaca, family fun, variety of pumpkins for purchase, vendor pop-up, games for all ages. 11am–5pm.
www.cedarcreekalpacas.com

NOVEMBER

November 19–24
Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Annual 2022 Online Auction
www.32auctions.com

Wednesday, November 23
Tree Lighting and Holiday Village Fair
 Enjoy live music and the official tree lighting in the Gorge Room at Skamania Lodge, then shop their Village Fair that features wares from local merchants and artisans. 844-432-4748 / www.skamania.com

DECEMBER

Every Friday–Saturday in December
Gift of Music
 Free holiday concert series at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson. 509-427-7700 or 800-221-7117
www.skamania.com

Friday–Sunday, December 2–4
Christmas in the Gorge
 Starlight Parade, Arts & Crafts Bazaar, community events, business open houses, Nativity displays, many more activities. Stevenson. 800-989-9178 or 509-427-8911
www.visitstevensonwa.com or www.skamania.org

Saturday, December 3
Christmas in the Gorge Sing-a-Long
 Public sing-a-long, holiday refreshments, free program, meet Santa and Christmas movies. 2:30–4pm at Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum. 800-991-2338
www.columbiagorge.org

Sunday, December 4
Christmas in Carson
 Tree lighting with Santa, cookies, cocoa and other festivities in downtown Carson. / 800-989-9178

Saturday, December 10
Cedar Creek Alpacas Christmas on the Farm
 11am–5pm, Harmony of the Gorge Chorus, light display and farm store. Santa 12–2pm.
www.cedarcreekalpacas.com



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MOUNT ST. HELENS

Mount St. Helens

WHEN MOUNT ST. HELENS ERUPTED ON MAY 18, 1980, it stood at 9,677 feet until almost 2,000 feet blew off the top of the mountain, reducing the elevation to 8,364 feet. This eruption caused massive destruction and the death of 57 people in the area. The debris and ash flows which followed caused considerable damage to local communities and destroyed an extensive area of forest. The blast is said to have been 500 times greater than the 20-kiloton atomic bomb that fell on Hiroshima. Winds reached 670 miles per hour and carried temperatures of 800 degrees Fahrenheit. Compared with other volcanoes, Mount St. Helens ranks amongst the world's most active and violent mountains.

Numerous viewpoints and miles of trails have been created for you to explore by car and foot. During the summer, US Forest Service interpreters lead a wide range of activities, from short walks to amphitheater presentations, to help you understand and enjoy this area.

The **Mount. St. Helens Forest Learning Center** is located inside the blast zone of the May 18, 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens on Highway 504. Learn about forest recovery, reforestation and conservation of forest resources.

The **Johnston Ridge Observatory** sits on a bluff just 5.5 miles from the crater at an elevation of 4,314 ft. (1,327m) and offers grand views of Mount St. Helens and much of the 1980 blast zone. This visitor center is the closest you can get to the mountain by car and offers spectacular views of the still-steaming lava dome, crater, pumice plain and landslide deposit.

Windy Ridge Viewpoint is one of the best places to overview the area devastated by the 1980 eruption. The landscape is littered with sand and gray rocks from that event. Deposits of the debris avalanche are visible to the west. These include the lower parts of The Spillover, where the debris avalanche traveled up over Johnston Ridge and into the South Coldwater area. Listen to an interpretive talk or venture up 361 steps to a viewpoint of the volcano and Spirit Lake.

The **McClellan Viewpoint** provides a distant but outstanding view of the mountain. Best place for a sunset!

The locals and visitors alike agree that Mount St. Helens is a must-see destination in Skamania County. Detailed maps and brochures are available at the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce.

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Gifford Pinchot National Forest

LOCATED IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON, Skamania County covers over one million acres of spectacular diverse country. Eighty percent of Skamania County is home to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Skamania's southern border is defined by the Columbia River, and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The northern

territory holds the peak of **Mount St. Helens** in the west and the base of **Mount Adams** to the east.

The **Gifford Pinchot National Forest** is full of recreational opportunities: hiking, camping, mountain biking, hunting, fishing, mushroom and berry picking, winter recreation and much more.

Trapper Creek Wilderness encompasses 6,050 acres of forested solitude. The lower elevations of the wilderness area are characterized by stands

of old growth Douglas fir, with fire regenerated second growth Douglas fir found in the higher elevations. Huckleberry fields can also be found at higher elevations near **Observation Peak**.

Indian Heaven Wilderness spans approximately 16,000 acres near Mount Adams with numerous meadows, forested areas and more than 150 lakes. Many of the lakes are stocked to provide fishing for anglers. The **Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT)**, which stretches from Mexico to Canada, crosses Indian Heaven Wilderness north to south for a distance of 16.4 miles, with several side trails to larger lakes.

Mount Adams rises to an elevation of 12,326 feet and is the second highest peak in Washington State after Mount Rainier. Mount Adams is located in a remote wilderness 35 miles east of Mount St. Helens.

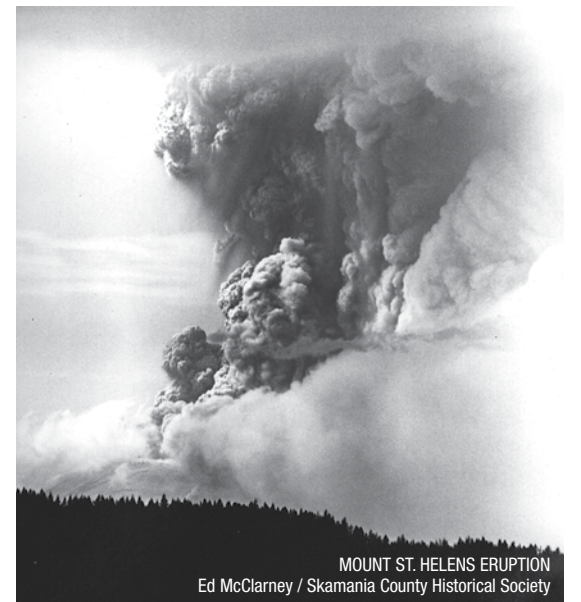
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path and discover
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volcanic mountain.*



MCCLELLAN VIEWPOINT



WINDY RIDGE



MOUNT ST. HELENS ERUPTION
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MOUNT ST. HELENS — 8,364 FT



MT. ADAMS — 12,326 FT



MT. HOOD — 11,245 FT

The Legend of the Mountains

LEGEND: *an unverifiable story handed down by tradition from earlier times and popularly accepted as historical*

The Klickitat tribe of Washington and Oregon has an extraordinary legend about an ancient quarrel between two brothers that we now know as the Cascade volcanoes, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood.

Long ago, Tyhee Saghalie, the chief of all the gods, traveled down the Columbia River with his two sons in search of a place to stay. The sons, Pahto and Wy'east, had a complex relationship and when they finally came to an area where they wanted to live, the sons began to argue. Each wanted this beautiful land for themselves.

To settle this quarrel, the chief shot two arrows from his bow. He shot the first one to the north and the second to the south and then told the boys that they would have to live in the place where each of the arrows landed. Pahto followed the arrow to the north and Wy'east followed the arrow to the south.

Tyhee wanted his family to be content, so he built a bridge between the north and the south. This bridge became known as the Bridge of the Gods. And for many years the family used the bridge to meet.

But then— both of the sons fell in love with a beautiful woman named Loowit. She could not choose between Pahto and Wy'east.

So Pahto and Wy'east went to battle with one another. They threw fire at each other and destroyed the Bridge of the Gods. When the bridge fell, the earth was ruined. The collapse of the bridge created a substantial crack between the north and the south which we now know as the Columbia River Gorge.

The destruction from this war was so great that Saghalie was insulted by his sons and their aggression. As punishment he changed all three of the lovers into great mountains. Wy'east became Mt. Hood; Pahto became Mt. Adams; and the maiden Loowit became Mt. St. Helens.

MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT

Monument Headquarters 360.449.7800
Mount St. Helens Visitor Center 360.274.0962
Johnston Ridge Observatory 360.274.2140
Coldwater Ridge Science & Education Center 360.274.2114

www.fs.fed.us/gpnm/mshnvm
www.mountsthelens.com/visitorcenters

GIFFORD PINCHOT NATIONAL FOREST

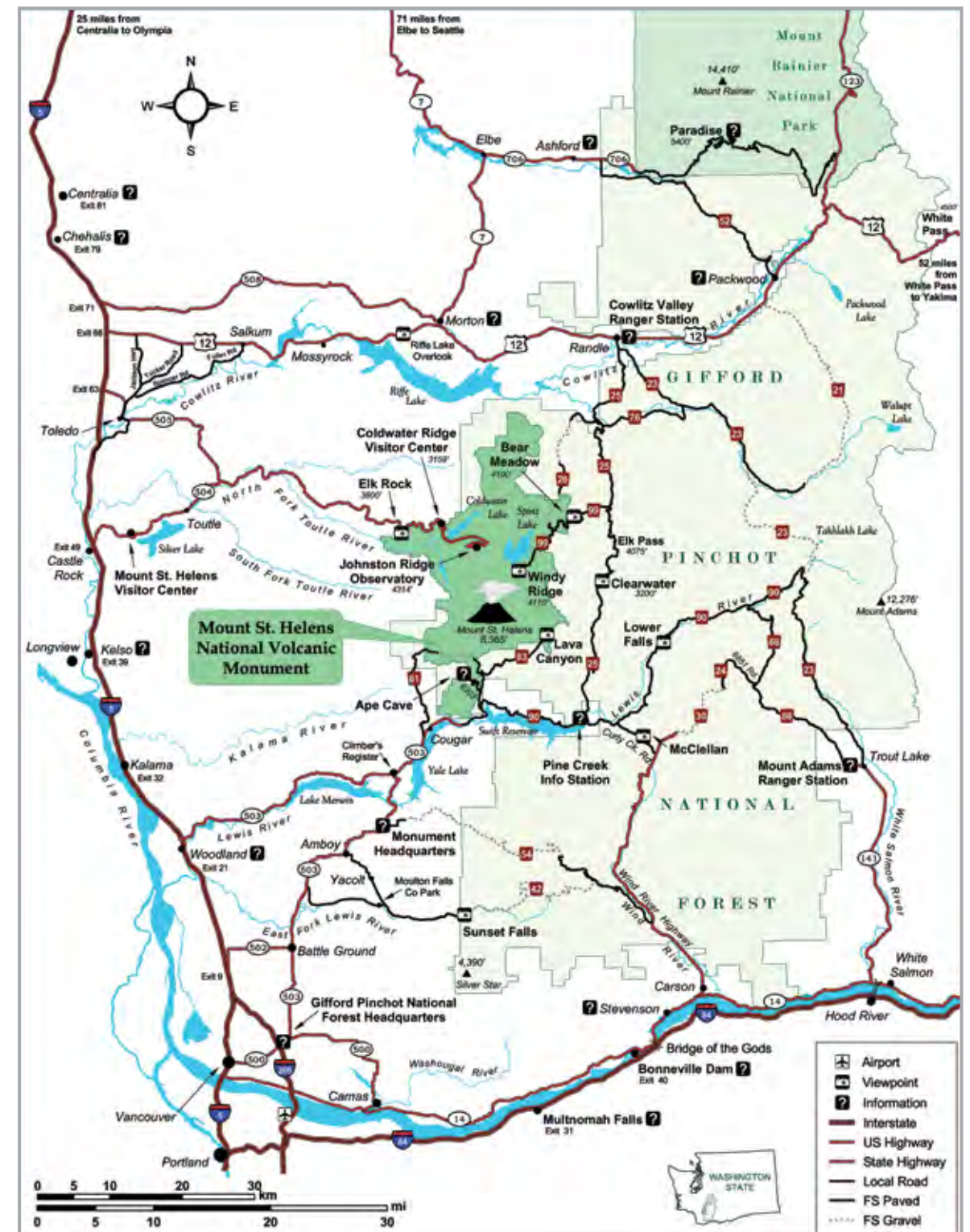
Forest Headquarters 360.891.5000
Cowlitz Valley Ranger District 360.497.1100
Mount Adams Ranger District 509.395.3400

www.fs.fed.us/gpnm

Detailed maps and brochures are available at the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce office.

MOUNT ST. HELENS FACTS

- ❖ Ash fell as far as 930 miles away.
- ❖ Debris, avalanche and mudflows buried the Toutle Valley to a depth of almost 50 meters.
- ❖ The eruption lasted for nine hours.
- ❖ 250 square miles of land was damaged.
- ❖ Estimate of animals killed: 7,000 big game animals, 12 million Chinook and Coho salmon, and millions of birds and small mammals.



TAKE A DRIVE



BRIDGE OF THE GODS

It's possible that more pictures are taken per mile in Skamania County than anywhere else in Washington State. Visitors will find they can capture the beauty from the window of their car or on the seat of a motorcycle as they travel along the mighty Columbia River. Traveling along State Route 14 (also known as the Lewis and Clark Trail) is often called the most scenic section of the Columbia River Gorge. The highway crosses the Cascade Mountains near sea level, allowing year-round transit and easy access to four seasons of outdoor beauty and activity.



Two States Bridge Tour

■ *Travel Distance from Stevenson: 66 miles*

Travel on both sides of the Columbia River and experience the majestic beauty of the Cascade Mountains in both Washington and Oregon. A round trip adventure with views of Mount Hood.

Driving Directions: Heading east on Hwy 14 from Stevenson, you will pass the mouth of the Wind River, Wind Mountain, Dog Mountain, Drano Lake and Spring Creek Fish Hatchery. Cross over the Hood River Bridge and travel west on I-84 for 20 miles to Cascade Locks, Oregon to cross the Bridge of the Gods to return to Stevenson. // See map on page 30 for assistance.

SIDE TRIP: Enjoy a side trip up Cook-Underwood Road for amazing views up and down the Gorge. Stop by and visit **Cedar Creek Alpacas Farm** or one of the many wineries.

Driving Directions: Just east of Dog Mountain, head north on Cook-Underwood Road, which traverses nearly 15 miles along the slopes of the Columbia River Gorge. Make sure to stop at the pull out (bus stop) for a breathtaking view.

Backroads to Mount Adams and Trout Lake

■ *Travel Distance from Stevenson: 55 miles*

This backroad tour goes past Goose Lake, the Gular Ice Caves and Natural Bridges. The trip ends near the quaint town of Trout Lake and Mount Adams countryside.

Driving Directions: Travel three miles east of Stevenson on Hwy 14, turn north at the Carson junction. Follow Wind River Highway (on some maps it appears as FR 30). Stay on FR 30 until you see the sign for Panther Creek Campground, turn right and immediately left on FR 65. Continue on FR 65 to the intersection with FR 60 and turn right. Continue east on FR 60 until it turns into FR 24 and then into Hwy 141. Make this a round trip by heading south on Hwy 141 to Hwy 14 and return to Carson or Stevenson.

NOTE: Some of these roads are seasonal and may be closed dependent on conditions.

Highway 14 West Loop

■ *Travel Distance: 47 mile traverse through Skamania County*

Running beside the Columbia River through the entire county, State Route 14 is a Scenic Byway known as the Lewis and Clark Trail. Although it stretches from the Idaho border to the Pacific Ocean, the route's 47-mile traverse through Skamania County is often called its most scenic section.

Driving Directions: Starting your trip from Stevenson, Washington, you will head west passing the historical marker Ashes Lake on your right. On your left you will see the Bridge of the Gods. The bridge plays a major role in the Pacific Crest Trail by linking Oregon and Washington. Located three miles west of Bonneville Lock and Dam, make sure to stop at Beacon Rock which is the exposed core of an ancient volcano standing more than 800 feet above the mighty Columbia River. The rock is the largest geologic formation of its kind in the nation. Continue on Highway 14 past Skamania and look for Franz Lake National Wildlife Refuge which is a true sanctuary where wildlife and plants remain undisturbed by human activity. St. Cloud Day Use Area is located at MP 30 for a rest stop and picnic. Continue and turn right on State Road 140 near Prindle. 140 will turn into Washougal River Road where you will approach the Skamania Steelhead Fish Hatchery. Farther up the road, you can visit the Washougal Salmon Hatchery. Dougan Creek Campground is a good stop for a rest, maybe a picnic and a view of Dougan Falls. You will have to back track towards the Skamania Steelhead Fish Hatchery to turn onto Salmon Falls Road, which will lead you back to Highway 14. Once you hit Highway 14 you will head east back to Stevenson or west to Washougal or Vancouver.

Mount St. Helens

■ *Travel Distance from Stevenson:*

McClellan Viewpoint, 38 miles / Windy Ridge, 80 miles

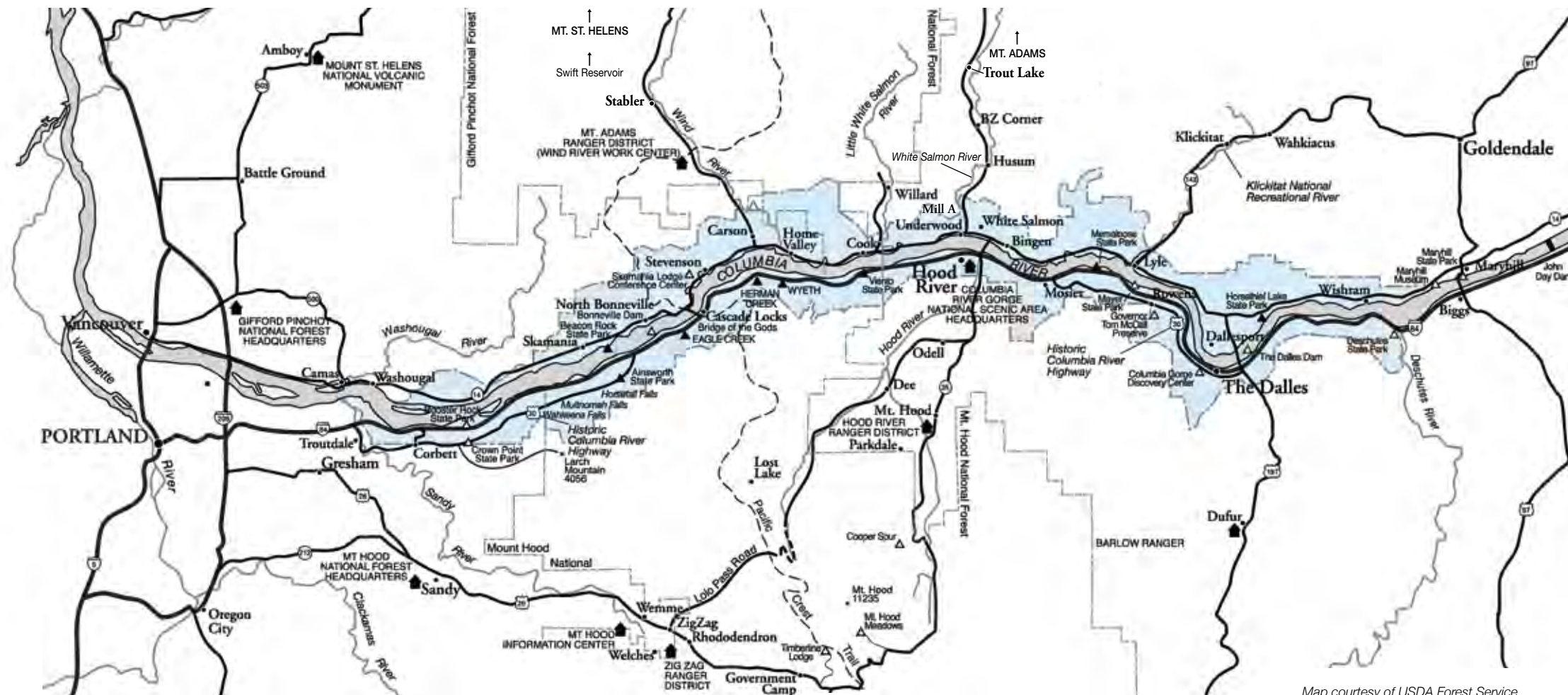
Locals and visitors alike agree that Mount St. Helens is a must-see destination and well worth your time. From Skamania County, the quickest way to see Mount St. Helens is via the Carson route. McClellan Viewpoint provides a distant but outstanding view of the mountain and a perfect place to watch sunsets. The road to Windy Ridge is a great example of how the flora and fauna has changed since the dramatic eruption. Once you arrive at Windy Ridge, take time to walk the 357 steps to the top of the ridge for a very close up view of the crater with Spirit Lake in the distance.

Driving Directions: Follow Hwy 14 to Carson, head north on Hwy 30 (aka Wind River Highway). Beyond the Carson National Fish Hatchery turn right, and continue to Oldman Pass and Wind River Recreation Area. A short time after reaching the top of the pass you will turn left at the 51 Road/Curly Creek junction. McClellan Viewpoint will be on your left and there will be signs. Continue on Curly Creek Road to the intersection to head west on FR 90, then north on FR 25 to FR 99.

www.visitmtsthelens.com // See map on page 27 for assistance.

FUN THINGS TO DO INDOORS AND OUT

- ▶ Pack up the tent or RV and go camping
- ▶ Taste your way on the wine lovers loop
- ▶ Follow the footsteps of Lewis & Clark
- ▶ Climb the core of an extinct volcano at Beacon Rock
- ▶ Marvel at the many wildflowers
- ▶ Browse through local art galleries
- ▶ Go shopping at unique shops
- ▶ Pick berries and mushrooms
- ▶ Sample microbrews and taste local fare
- ▶ Visit Mount St. Helens and Mount Adams
- ▶ Pamper yourself with a spa treatment and massage
- ▶ Take a wine or brewery tour
- ▶ Build a snowman, go skiing, sledding or snowshoeing
- ▶ Explore history at the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum
- ▶ Explore the Ice Caves
- ▶ Hike to a waterfall
- ▶ Browse through antique shops
- ▶ Spend time at our county fair
- ▶ Visit Bonneville Dam
- ▶ Take a scenic drive through the forest
- ▶ Watch salmon at local fish hatcheries
- ▶ Stay overnight at one of our many lodging facilities
- ▶ Take the family to disc golf
- ▶ Go ziplining
- ▶ Catch a salmon or a sturgeon in the Columbia River
- ▶ Relax at the beach and watch windsurfers and kiteboarders
- ▶ Cruise on a riverboat
- ▶ Soak in mineral waters
- ▶ Follow the bird watching trail
- ▶ Bicycle the many paths and trails
- ▶ Kayak, raft or SUP on the river
- ▶ Hit the links at a scenic golf course
- ▶ Experience the geological wonders of the Columbia River Gorge
- ▶ Visit whiskey & cider tasting rooms
- ▶ Buy Bigfoot souvenirs
- ▶ Test your axe throwing skills



BRIDGE TOLL
 Bridge of the Gods \$2
 Hood River Bridge \$2



STATE ROUTE 14 WASHINGTON

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Historical Events that Helped Shape the Columbia River Gorge

AS YOU TRAVEL THROUGH THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE, you will see the aftermath of thousands of volcanic eruptions with piled layers of volcanic ash, lava and mud flows. This event created the slippery red clay and greenish rocks visible on the canyon walls today. You can still see the 14 major peaks and cinder cones that form the Cascade Range including Mount Adams and Mount Hood, which are both dormant volcanoes. Mount St. Helens has awakened from her dormancy and as you most likely know, she experienced a major eruption in 1980.

The largest floods to ever occur on the planet were the Lake Missoula Floods, also known as the "Ice Age Floods." During the last ice age, glaciers covered much of Canada. One lobe of ice grew southward, blocking the Clark Fork Valley in Idaho. This 2,000-foot-high ice dam blocked the river, creating a lake that stretched for hundreds of miles. Eventually, water traveled under the

ice dam. The water drained out of the lake in two to three days, flooding eastern Washington.

The first rush of the Missoula Flood came into the lower Columbia River Gorge with speeds approaching an estimated 60 mph. It was a large wall of ice- and dirt-filled water that rushed down the Columbia River drainage, across northern Idaho and eastern and central Washington, through the Columbia River gorge, down into Oregon's Willamette Valley, and finally poured into the Pacific Ocean. During a period of 2,500 years as many as 100 of these ice age floods scoured the Gorge. Through the years the power of the flowing water of the Columbia River created a deep gash into the volcanic rock of the Cascade Range.

For more information about the Columbia River Gorge:
www.iafi.org | www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/forest/
www.columbiagorgetomthood.com

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GET OUTDOORS

BEACON ROCK

Skamania County is a wonderful place to play! Visitors and outdoor enthusiasts are thrilled by the abundance of outdoor activities and natural beauty this area has to offer. Discover the scenic majesty of the Gorge as you play outdoors. There are plenty of ways to have fun. Grab your friends and family and get outside!

ADVENTURE AERIAL PARK

Bridges, tight-wire walks, cargo net, cable ladders and canoe are all features at the **Adventure Aerial Park at Skamania Lodge**. Perfect for group events, team building, reunions and plain old fun for everyone. *Age and weight restrictions apply.*

ALPACA FARMS

Cedar Creek Alpacas is a great outdoor family event. Not only can you pet the alpacas, they also offer educational tours, a fiber studio and art demonstrations.

AXE THROWING

Challenge your ax throwing skills at **Skamania Lodge Axe Throwing**. Aim at a wooden target to score points and win bragging rights amongst your friends and co-workers. Feel the adrenaline when you get a Bull's Eye! *Must be 16 years or older.*



BERRY PICKING

In late August or early September, family huckleberry picking is popular at numerous places throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

BIKING

Road biking and mountain biking trails vary from 12 miles of flat riding in North Bonneville to tight and twisty trails on the Easy Climb Trail in Cascade Locks, offering views of the Columbia River. *For more information on biking see pages 36-37.*

BIRD WATCHING

Skamania County is home to a vast number of birds and waterfowl. **Pierce National Wildlife Refuge** is a small piece of land along the Columbia River. It is a resting place to many species including peregrine falcons and Canadian geese. **Franz Lake Wildlife Refuge** is known for seasonally high concentrations of wintering tundra swans. The panoramic view across the Gorge allows for the spotting of eagles, osprey, vultures, hawks and other soaring birds.

CAMPING

Skamania County is camping country, with campgrounds to satisfy all levels of wilderness experience. **The Resort at Skamania Coves** offers friendly and beautiful surroundings to enhance your outdoor camping vacation. Visit the Gifford Pinchot National Forest website to learn about other campground options. www.fs.fed.us/gpnf

DISC GOLF

Disc golf is one of the fastest growing recreational sports in the United States. Enjoy the fun of tossing discs on **Skamania Lodge's** new 18-hole disc course.



FISHING

The vast Columbia River, mountain streams, wilderness lakes, reservoirs and ponds make Skamania County a year-round fisherman's paradise. While salmon, steelhead and sturgeon seem to be the highly prized fish in the Columbia River, walleye, shad, small mouth bass and trout are also abundant in the many lakes and streams. *More fishing info can be found on page 38.*

GOLF

Deserving of its breathtaking location in the Columbia River Gorge, **Skamania Lodge** introduces it's new 9-hole short course, **The Gorge 9**, and 18-hole putting course, **The Little Eagle**.

GULAR ICE CAVE

Located in Skamania County this impressive cave offers frozen stalactites and stalagmites. Take Route 141 for 22 miles to Trout Lake. Stay left on 141. After 5.8 miles, 141 becomes NFR 24. Drive 0.5 miles and turn left, following signs for the ice cave. The parking lot is just 0.2 miles off NF-24. Wear shoes with good traction and bring at least two sources of light and warm layers to wear. *Northwest Forest Pass is required.*

HIKING

There are numerous trailheads in the area for hikers of all abilities. Waterfalls are abundant in the Pacific Northwest, and the **Pacific Crest Trail** runs through Skamania County. *See pages 42-49 for featured popular hiking trails.*

MOTORCYCLE TOURING

Skamania County is the perfect start for many motorcycle rides due to its central location to so many great roads. The area features many stunning roads beyond the main arteries of I-84 and SR 14 offering world class riding.

MUSHROOMING

From morels to chanterelles, Skamania County has a bunch. Be sure to take an experienced mushroomer with you when you go picking.

PARAGLIDING

This little observed sport has many local enthusiasts enjoying the gift of foot-launched gliding flight. **Silver Star Mountain** is located in Gifford Pinchot National Forest and challenges experienced pilots.

ROCK CLIMBING

Beacon Rock offers excellent opportunities for rock climbing except where it interferes with nesting raptors, primarily on the south face. The presence of the falcon nest requires that the south face be closed to technical rock activity February 1 to July 15 annually.

SPELUNKING/APE CAVES

With well over 100,000 visitors a year, **Ape Cave** is one of the most popular spots in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The Ape Cave has a parking area, trail, interpretive displays and restrooms. At the **Apes Headquarters**, visitors can rent lanterns and buy books and maps in the summer. Interpretive tours in the cave are held several times a day from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For specific times of tours, call monument headquarters at 360-247-3900. mountstheleens.com/ape-caves.html

WATER SPORTS

The Columbia River and its tributaries is a source of phenomenal beauty and enjoyment, providing a playground for just about every kind of water recreation. *See pages 34-35.*

WINTER FUN

Skamania County has some of the finest sno-parks offering cross country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding and snowmobiling in the Pacific Northwest. *For winter recreation maps and information, see pages 40-41.*

ZIP LINE TOURS

Skamania Lodge Zip Line Tours offer stunning views and 2-2.5 hours of adventure as you fly suspended by a cable over the moss covered firs of the rain canopy forest. Ride down seven different lines, the longest one being over 800 feet in length, and test your balance skills on the suspension bridges with experienced and friendly guides. Get out of your comfort zone and go zip at the world class Skamania Lodge resort located in Stevenson, Washington.



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FUN ON THE WATER



Windsurfers and kiteboarders can be seen dancing on the river amongst the basalt cliffs, lush fir forests and waterfalls. Kayakers and stand up paddlers enjoy the more peaceful waters when the wind calms down. Sailboats are on the river all summer, racing across the water or enjoying an evening sail. Whitewater adventure begins when the water runs high on the many tributaries of the Columbia. You can experience the natural and scenic wonders of the Columbia River Gorge aboard an old fashioned sternwheeler. The opportunities are endless. Enjoy your visit and don't forget your camera!



BOAT TOURS

Experience the natural and scenic wonders of the Columbia River Gorge aboard the **Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler**. Scenic rides, dinner cruises, thrill rides and interpretive tours are all available from the Willamette River in Portland to the Columbia River in the heart of the Gorge.

FOIL BOARDING

Foil boarding has gained popularity within the kiteboarding, windsurfing and stand up paddling community; allowing riders to ride in less than 10 knots and reaching speeds up to 30 mph. The hydrofoil wing lifts the board which assists in gaining speed. The resistance to the water makes riding the waves much smoother.

JET SKIING

Jet skiing has become quite popular at East Point in Stevenson. This family friendly day use area features a picnic area, boat dock and restroom facilities.

KAYAKING > CANOEING

For flat water kayaking or canoeing, try the Columbia River on a calm day. Rock Creek Pond, Greenleaf Reservoir and Ashes Lake are great spots for those looking for touring opportunities.

KITEBOARDING

One of the fastest growing watersports, kiteboarding combines the aspects of wakeboarding, windsurfing, surfing, paragliding and gymnastics into one extreme sport. Stevenson's Kite Beach is a great place to watch kiteboarders launch up to 40 feet into the air.

OUTRIGGER & SURF SKI PADDLING

For decades, outrigger canoe and surfski paddlers have been frequenting the Gorge because of its consistent wind and ideal downwinders. Outrigger canoes can be single or up to six-man boats whereas the surfski is a long, narrow, lightweight kayak with an open cockpit, usually with a foot pedal controlled rudder.

SAILING

Sailors travel from all over the world for the consistent and dependable wind that blows throughout the Columbia River Gorge. Cascade Locks, Oregon, located across the Bridge of the Gods, is the home base for over 11 regattas annually including the Tasar World Championships.

STAND UP PADDLING

Not only a fun way to play on the water, stand up paddling (SUP) also provides a full body workout. You don't need wind, you don't need waves but the challenge to brave the wind and waves is becoming more popular with the SUP athletes. Rentals, demos and lessons are available in Hood River, Oregon.

WATER SKIING > WAKEBOARDING > TUBING

When the wind stops blowing on the Columbia River, the calm waters offer a gorgeous setting for skimming across the water behind a boat.

WHITewater RAFTING > KAYAKING

Treat yourself to a fun filled day rafting or kayaking amongst the beautiful river canyons of the White Salmon and Klickitat rivers. Spend the day with **River Drifters** who have been offering a variety of trips for rafters of all experience levels since 1970.

WINDSURFING

The Columbia River Gorge has been called the windsurfing capital due to ideal wind conditions for all levels. One of Skamania County's best places to see the "boardheads" is at the Spring Creek Fish Hatchery located on Hwy 14, four miles west of the Hood River Bridge or enjoy the nice grassy beach at Bob's Beach in Stevenson.

WING FOILING

Wing Foiling is a new wind sport consisting of managing a wing that's unattached to the board and carried with two hands while standing on a hydrofoil mounted on a windsurfing or stand up paddle board. Many athletes are looking for a new challenge after mastering windsurfing, stand up paddling and kiteboarding.

SKAMANIA COUNTY BEACHES

BOB'S BEACH

Rocky beach, grassy lawn, spacious launching area for windsurfing, covered changing cabana, picnic tables and restrooms. Located on the west end of town next to the Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge.

CASCADE BOAT LAUNCH

Boat launch, restroom facility with changing cabana, grassy lawn area, picnic tables, easy access for jet skiing, fishing, sailing, kayaking. No overnight docking or camping.

EAST POINT KITE BEACH

Great spot for watching the powerful winds launch kiteboarders up to 40 feet in the air. Located behind Port of Skamania building just west of Cascade Boat Launch.

HOME VALLEY SWIM BEACH

Sandy beach, swimming area, ball fields and playground nearby. Seven miles east of Stevenson in Home Valley.

LEAVENS POINT

Set between Stevenson Landing and the East Point Kite Beach. A great spot to picnic and soak up the sun, while viewing the Columbia River and mountains of Oregon.

PEBBLE BEACH

A more quiet secluded beach with pebbles and interesting driftwood. A walk down a short path just east of the Cascade Boat Launch.

STEVENSON LANDING

The perfect spot for taking photos and watching the activity on the river. Cruise ship pier located at the end of Russell Street next to Teo Park.

TEO PARK

A beautiful setting for weddings, family reunions and festivals. Grassy lawn area, picnic tables and parking. Located east of the Columbia Gorge Riverside Lodge.

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ADVENTURE ON TWO WHEELS

ROAD BIKING

ASHES LAKE RIDE

Level: Moderate :: **Trip:** 6 miles :: Stevenson, WA

Two miles of this trail is a non-motorized path which connects you to scenic Ashes Lake Road. There are very few motorized vehicles on Ashes Lake Road and enough hills to give you a good work out.

GETTING THERE: In Stevenson, park at the Rock Creek Playground at the fairgrounds on Rock Creek Drive. From there, head west on the sidewalk along the pond until you reach the entrance for Skamania Lodge. Follow the path west, which will take you to Ashes Lake Rd. This is an out and back ride so turn around at the stop sign at Hwy 14.

NOTE: *No pass required.*

HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY CASCADE LOCKS TO JOHN B. YEON STATE PARK

Level: Moderate :: **Trip:** 13 miles :: Cascade Locks, OR

Across the Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks, Oregon you will find the first highway in America to be designated as a scenic highway. This section of the highway offers a 13 mile car-free path that takes riders by Eagle Creek Trailhead and Bonneville Dam. The car-free path ends at the John B. Yeon State Park where you will turn around and head back to Cascade Locks.

GETTING THERE: From Stevenson, travel 2.7 miles west to the Bridge of the Gods and cross the bridge to Cascade Locks, Oregon. The parking lot is to the left of the Bridgeside restaurant under the bridge near the mural. The upper trailhead travels along the highway to the left of the parking lot.

NOTE: *No pass required.*

DISCOVERY TRAIL SYSTEM

Level: Easy :: **Trip:** 12 miles :: North Bonneville, WA

The Discovery Trail System, in the town of North Bonneville, includes almost 12 miles of paved pathways for easy family friendly bike riding. Be sure to look for the Bigfoot statues while exploring the trails.

GETTING THERE: From Stevenson, travel 7 miles west to the North Bonneville town entrance. Parking is available across from the gas station.

NOTE: *No pass required.*

HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY WYETH STATE PARK TO VIENTO STATE PARK

Level: Moderate :: **Trip:** 11 miles :: Wyeth, OR

This car-free section on the Historic Highway offers incredible views of the Cascade Mountains and the Columbia River along with waterfall viewing at Starvation Creek State Park.

GETTING THERE: From Stevenson, cross the Bridge of the Gods to the Oregon side. Travel on I-84 and take exit 51 to Wyeth State Park. The trailhead is east of the campground parking.

NOTE: *No pass required.*



MOUNTAIN BIKING

FORT CASCADES HISTORIC TRAIL

Level: Easy :: **Trip:** 1.5 miles :: 10 minutes from Stevenson, WA in North Bonneville

Short, but packed with history, the Fort Cascades Historic Trail can be accessed from the same turnoff used to access Bonneville Dam. You begin at an interpretive structure, where you'll learn about ancient landslides, river transportation and early settlement at this unique river location. The loop will hook up with the Strawberry Island Trail at one point, offering a longer bike ride.

GETTING THERE: Travel 7 miles west on Highway 14 towards Bonneville Dam and North Bonneville. Just west of the Bonneville Dam, turn left on Dam Access Road and follow the road west to the trailhead.

NOTE: *No pass required.*

EASY CLIMB

Level: Easy :: **Trip:** 2 miles :: Cascade Locks, OR

Across the river from Stevenson is the Easy Climb, a mountain bike trail built by the Northwest Trail Alliance in partnership with the Port of Cascade Locks. If you are looking for a riding spot that is tight and twisty, this is a good trail for doing laps and getting a quick workout. There are many scenic views along the Columbia River, beach access and fun downhill with big bank turns. The route should take from 20–50 minutes depending on speed and ability.

GETTING THERE: From Stevenson travel 2.7 miles to the Bridge of the Gods. Cross the bridge to Cascade Locks, Oregon. Go through town, take a left on Forest Lane. Turn left on Cramblett Lane, you will see the parking area to your right.

NOTE: *Watch for poison oak off trail. No pass required.*

SPEND A LEISURELY DAY ON YOUR ROAD BIKE OR CHALLENGE YOURSELF ON THE MANY MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS IN ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR SETTINGS IN THE WORLD.

STRAWBERRY ISLAND TRAIL

Level: Easy to Moderate :: **Trip:** 3 miles :: North Bonneville, WA

This trail travels through beautiful oak forest and extensive grasslands offering impressive views of the Columbia River and Beacon Rock. It is both hilly and flat depending on which route you choose. Lewis and Clark named Strawberry Island in 1805, stating that the island was “covered with grass scattered with strawberry vines.” Sunsets are amazing from the park bench at the top of the hill.

GETTING THERE: From Stevenson, travel 7 miles west on Hwy 14 and turn left into the town of North Bonneville. Turn right at the gas station, then follow signs to the ball park. The trailhead begins near the ball park, look for the totem pole.

NOTE: *Beware of ticks in the spring due to high grasses. No pass required.*

HARD TIME LOOP

Level: Easy to Moderate :: **Trip:** 11 miles :: 45 minutes from Stevenson, WA

Many cross country trails offer great mountain biking adventures! At the Wind River Sports Area, you will discover Hard Time Loop. This 11 mile trail offers flat and rolling terrain ranging in elevation from 2,980 feet to 3,240 feet. Start from the Oldman Pass Sno-Park at Trail #148, (Oldman Loop). Head clockwise to the intersection with FR 3054. Turn left and continue on FR 3054. A viewpoint offers a spectacular view of Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier and Mount Adams.

GETTING THERE: From Stevenson, travel 3 miles east on Highway 14 and turn left on Wind River Highway (Hwy 30) to Carson. Travel 25 miles north of Carson and follow signs to the Wind River Recreation Area to the Oldman Pass.

NOTE: *Refer to map on page 42 for assistance. NW Forest Pass required.*

LEWIS RIVER TRAIL #31

Level: Moderate :: **Trip:** 19.2 miles :: 90 minutes from Stevenson, WA

The Lewis River Trail is one of the most scenic trails in North America. Ride through old-growth forest along the Lewis River on beautiful single track while passing by breathtaking waterfalls. A moderate ride, although there are some reasonable climbs and places where you may have to hike a bike for sections alongside steep cliffs. The trail can be ridden as an out-and-back, or as a one-way trail with the return trip along the FR 90. If you want to make this a weekend adventure, it's worth getting a campsite at Lower Falls Campground.

GETTING THERE: From Stevenson, follow Highway 14 three miles east to the turn off for Carson. Head north on Hwy 30 through Carson and continue up the winding road to Oldman Pass. This is a 32 mile drive up and over the pass, so make sure you gas up in Carson or Stevenson. Turn left on Curly Creek Road and continue to FR 90. Turn right on FR 90, then left onto FR 9039 and park on the other side of the Lewis River near the trailhead. See map on page 29 for more details.

NOTE: *For an easier ride, continue along the road to the Lower Falls Campground, and ride the same trail downhill. If you are doing a one way trip, then park one car and continue heading up FR 90 with the other car for another 9 miles. You can park near the trailhead at the Lower Falls Campground. NW Forest Pass is required.*



E-BIKES

The popularity of electric bikes (e-bikes) is really taking off in the Columbia River Gorge. From older folks, to those with commutes, to riders who want to cover a longer distance, and even those who have never ridden a bike, e-bikes fill a much needed niche for discovering the outdoors without exerting a lot of energy. The pedal assist bicycles are designed with comfort, allowing a rider to cover miles of terrain, in turn making climbing hills a breeze as compared to riding a regular bike. E-Bike tours, rentals and sales are available in Hood River, Oregon.



For a listing of additional bike rides in the east end of the Gorge, go to: www.columbiagorgetomthood.com/where-to-bike

LET'S GO FISHING



DRANO LAKE



Matthew Phaup

THE VAST COLUMBIA RIVER, MOUNTAIN STREAMS, WILDERNESS LAKES, RESERVOIRS AND PONDS MAKE THIS AREA A FISHERMAN'S PARADISE.

The season starts out on the Columbia River with the spring run of Chinook salmon, also known as the king salmon. Trolling the mouth of the Wind River and Drano Lake during the early part of the run is popular in the springtime, with the fish beginning to show up in mid-March and the run peaking in early May. Spring Chinook are highly prized by Northwest anglers because the early runs contain the highest oil content, which many claim make the "springers" the best tasting salmon. During the later part of the run when the springers enter the tributaries, the Wind River becomes the hot spot, usually around Memorial Day weekend. As spring turns to summer, steelhead and summer Chinook season kicks in.

When the days start to shorten in the autumn, coho and fall Chinook fishing picks up. While some say that the fall Chinook are not as tasty as the springers, they are typically much larger and can get up to 50-60 pounds, which is more than enough to fill up most smokers. As winter sets in, the heartiest of anglers bear the elements for the winter steelhead fun.

There's a multitude of other angling opportunities for fishing such as sturgeon, walleye, small mouth bass and wilderness lake trout fishing. Sturgeon are somewhat of a prehistoric creature and can get to an enormous size of up to 10 feet. Aside from the possibility of hooking in to a monster, sturgeon fishing can get quite active at times with frequent strikes and plenty of action!

Skamania County provides a limitless number of fishing opportunities for the experienced to the beginning angler.

LIFE CYCLE OF THE SALMON

After one to seven years in the ocean, the adult salmon that have survived countless risks from predators, ocean conditions and commercial harvest return to the Columbia River and head for their home streams. Once at the home stream the female makes a nest, known as a red, in the clean gravel.

When the female deposits her thousands of eggs, the male releases milt which fertilizes the eggs. The adult salmon die soon after spawning, with the exception of steelhead and cutthroat, who may survive another year or more to spawn again. The little fry, less than an inch long, emerge from their nest in the gravel to begin their wild journey from freshwater to saltwater and the life cycle repeats itself. The salmon is a true survivor.

Hatcheries help mitigate the loss of salmon runs due to the construction of hydroelectric projects on the Columbia. In the Gorge, there are federal, state and tribal hatcheries artificially propagating Chinook and Coho salmon that are vital to commercial and sport fisheries. Perhaps the most popular hatchery for public viewing during the spawning season in mid-September is the Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery located off Hwy 14 on the Washington shore of the Columbia River. Spring Creek has a comfortable indoor viewing deck for visitors to watch hatchery employees collect the eggs and milt from mature Fall Chinook salmon.

Bonneville Dam Fish Counts:

https://www.fpc.org/currentdaily/HistFishTwo_7day-ytd_Adults.htm

More information:

www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing :: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing>

BONNEVILLE DAM | FISH HATCHERIES



BONNEVILLE DAM

One of the highlights of the Bonneville Dam on the Oregon side is seeing "Herman" the sturgeon, an ancient, 10-foot long, 450 pound sturgeon that you can see close up and personal in the sturgeon viewing room.



HERMAN THE STURGEON

BONNEVILLE LOCK AND DAM

The mighty Bonneville Dam is a must-see attraction. Located in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Bonneville Lock and Dam spans the Columbia River and links the two states of Washington and Oregon. Built and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Lock and Dam was the first federal lock and dam on the Columbia and Snake rivers. The Dam is 3,463 feet long and produces over one million kilowatts of electricity. Visitors can experience first-hand the operation of two hydroelectric powerhouses and watch migrating fish traveling upstream at the underwater viewing rooms next to the fish ladders.

The Washington Shore Visitors Center offers one of the world's most accessible views of a powerhouse. Inside, generators can be seen from a walkway 85 feet above the powerhouse floor. Visitors can ride an escalator down into the powerhouse to get a close-up view of a generator and rotating turbine shaft through special viewing windows. Fish viewing windows offer a chance to watch coho, sockeye, and king salmon, along with steelhead, shad, lamprey and other fish, as they head upstream each summer and fall.

The Bradford Island Visitors Center, located on the Oregon side of the Columbia River, is a five-level-facility, offering amazing underwater views of migrating fish, a large theater, and displays that offer insights into the history and workings of a hydropower plant.

The adjacent Bonneville Fish Hatchery has informative displays and ponds filled with rainbow trout and a half-dozen massive white sturgeon. Sturgeon still spawn in the area below the dam and the lower Columbia River supports a healthy sturgeon population. Bonneville Lock and Dam was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as an historic district in June 1986.

FISH HATCHERIES

Carson National Fish Hatchery

Since 1937, hatchery production has helped spring Chinook populations recover in the Columbia River. Today Carson releases more than 1.1 million smolts (young salmon) annually. The best time to visit is May through August to view adult salmon returning up the ladder. Located 14 miles north of Carson on Hwy 30. 509-427-5905 :: www.fws.gov/gorgefish/carson

Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery

The Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery raises more than 10.5 million Tule Fall Chinook salmon annually. Adult Tule Fall Chinook salmon return in September and visitors can watch the fish being spawned in mid- to late September. Located 16 miles east of Stevenson on Hwy 14. 509-493-1730 :: www.fws.gov/gorgefish/springcreek

Little White Salmon Fish Hatchery

An underwater viewing area and wildlife viewing opportunities at the hatchery make this a favorite for visitors year-round. Spring and fall Chinook can be seen spawning in the river below the hatchery. The mile long entrance road begins at the west end of the bridge over the Little White Salmon River at Drano Lake, 12 miles east from Stevenson. 509-538-2755 :: www.fws.gov/gorgefish/littlewhite

Bonneville Fish Hatchery

The Bonneville Fish Hatchery was built in 1909 and is the largest of Oregon's 33 hatcheries. Watch migrating salmon, visit the trout pond and see the infamous Herman the Sturgeon! The hatchery raises 8 million Fall Chinook, 1.2 million Coho, 200 thousand Summer Steelhead, and 60 thousand Winter Steelhead. Watch the returning adult salmon at the fish ladders in September for spawning. 541-374-8393 :: <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/hatchery>

PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCHES

Beacon Rock State Park Boat Launch

Located 13 miles west of Stevenson just past North Bonneville.

Cascade Boat Ramp

Located in downtown Stevenson on the east side waterfront.

Drano Lake Boat Ramp

Located 14 miles east of Stevenson.

Hamilton Island Boat Ramp

Located just downstream of Bonneville Lock and Dam.

Swift Reservoir Boat Launch

Located at Swift Forest Camp.

Wind River Boat Ramp

Located at the mouth of the Wind River in Home Valley.

WINTERTIME



WINTER RECREATION IN SKAMANIA COUNTY IS ONE OF THE REGION'S BEST KEPT SECRETS. SNOWMOBILING, CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, SNOWSHOEING AND SLEDDING ARE ALL READILY ACCESSIBLE AT LOCAL SNOW PARKS.

The *Wind River Winter Recreation Area*, only 30 minutes north of Carson in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, provides groomed cross-country and snowmobile trails covering beautiful terrain with views of the Cascade Mountain Range. The *Oldman Pass* area offers one of the best hills around for family friendly tubing, sledding and tobogganing. When the snow level drops to 2,000 feet, you can take a drive to *Government Mineral Springs* for snow touring in the *Trapper Creek Wilderness*.

Another option for winter fun is located near Mount Adams in the eastern part of Skamania County. *Atkisson*, *Flat Top* and *Big Tree Sno-Parks* offer cross country and snowmobiling trails. Mount Adams rises to 12,276 feet and is the second highest peak in Washington State.

If downhill skiing is your passion, *Mount Hood* is located in Oregon with four ski areas to choose from. When road conditions are good, the drive from Stevenson is just over one hour.

NOTE: Sno-Park permits are required and available at local stores, and the Chamber of Commerce office in downtown Stevenson.
<https://columbiagorgetomthood.com/resources>



GETTING THERE

1 MOUNT ADAMS WINTER RECREATION AREA

Access Mount Adams Sno-Parks via Hwy 141, north off of Hwy 14, eighteen miles from Stevenson. To reach Atkisson Sno-Park, follow 141 past the Ranger Station approximately five miles. The Sno-Park entrance is on the south side of the road, just within the Forest boundary. Flat Top and Big Tree Sno-Parks are located farther north from Atkisson.

2 WIND RIVER WINTER RECREATION AREA

Access Wind River Sno-Parks via the Wind River Highway (Hwy 30) north of Carson about 30 miles. After you pass Carson National Fish Hatchery, you will see a sign for the recreation area that points to your right. Follow the road to the parking area at the top of the pass.

3 GOVERNMENT MINERAL SPRINGS

Access Government Mineral Springs by traveling on Wind River Highway north of Carson approximately 14 miles to Carson National Fish Hatchery. Continue northwest for one mile, proceeding straight on to FR 3065 to the entrance.



REFERENCE MAPS



Keep in mind that when the weather in town is mild, there can be a winter wonderland just 30 miles away. Always be prepared: carry tire chains, extra clothing, food and water.

HIKING TRAILS



Skamania County is a combination of mystical scenery and natural wonders — which is why it is so unique. The memorable and incredible spots around our little slice of heaven entice you to explore and be enlightened.

Guide to Hiking Levels

Easy: Level to gently rolling terrain and incline. Requires limited skill and has minimal physical challenges.

Moderate: Hiking that involves an increase in mileage and elevation gain.

More Difficult: Vigorous hiking with moderate hills and slopes. Requires an experienced skill level and should be in good physical shape.

Most Difficult: Requires a high degree of skill and provides a lot of physical challenge. Steep grades, elevation gain, narrow tread widths, low levels of maintenance could arise. May require stepping over logs or traversing steep slopes or stream fords. Suitable for experienced hikers in good physical condition.

NOTE: Changing weather conditions can affect hiking levels for trails.

Hiking Resources

Skamania County Chamber of Commerce
www.skamania.org / 509-427-8911 / 800-989-9178

Mount St. Helens National Monument
www.fs.fed.us/gpnl/mshnvm / 360-449-7800

Gifford Pinchot National Forest
www.fs.fed.us/gpnl/trails / 360-891-5000

Mount Adams Ranger Station
www.fs.fed.us/gpnl/recreation / 509-395-3400

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/crgnsa> / 541-308-1700

Columbia River Gorge Visitor Website
columbiagorgetomthood.com/popular-hikes

STAY SAFE AND PREPARED — PLAN YOUR HIKE!

Provided by Wind River Search and Rescue, Don Grady

- **Plan to get lost or injured.**

This simple change in your mindset may keep you alive. **Always** let someone know where you are going, what time you will be back and when to call 911. By doing this, you just saved yourself many cold hours in the woods and maybe your life.

- **Carry water and drink it.**

Absolutely everything humans do, they do better hydrated. Start by drinking plenty of water before the hike, that is the most efficient way to carry your water. Bring plenty of water with you and drink often.

- **Bring food and snacks.**

Twice what you think you need.

- **Pack an emergency kit:**

Including a map and compass, band aids, aspirin, medications, small light, emergency blanket, duct tape, paracord or dental floss, large garbage bag, small knife, multiple types of fire starters and sun protection.

- **Dress appropriate for the conditions and the weather.**

Dress in layers avoiding cotton clothing.

- **Check the weather forecast at elevation of your hike.**

- **Keep your cell phone fully charged.**

- **Stop and look around.**

Figure out what you would do if you were lost or injured at that location.

COVID-19 NOTICE



In the event we are still in the COVID pandemic we ask that all hikers follow social distancing protocols including the health order mandating the use of face coverings/masks, washing hands and social distancing on trails.

For details, please visit the following resource websites: www.columbiagorgetourismalliance.org · <https://gorgelove.org> · readyssetgorge.com



HIKING TRAIL ON BEACON ROCK

Beacon Rock

Round Trip: 1.8 miles
Level: Easy to Moderate
Elevation Gain: 848 ft
10 miles from Stevenson, WA

Beacon Rock is a well known landmark that is recommended for first time visitors to the Gorge. Beacon Rock is the core of an extinct volcano. Henry J. Biddle, an early owner of the rock, finished the original trail in 1918. The plug is 848 feet high with handrails lining most of the ascent. The trail is 4,500 feet long with a 15 percent grade and takes 45 minutes to an hour to make the round trip. Once on top of the rock, the view of the Columbia River and the Gorge is breathtaking. It is a quiet and yet exhilarating experience to stand on the summit with the ever-present Columbia winds sweeping around you. The trail is open year-round and is maintained by Washington State Parks.

Driving Directions: Drive west on Highway 14 towards North Bonneville, continue to Beacon Rock State Park. Parking and the rock are on the south side of the highway. You can't miss it!

Note: Washington State Discover Pass required (available on site).



River-to-Rock Trail

Round Trip: 1.5 miles
Level: Easy to Moderate
Elevation Gain: 250 ft
11 miles from Stevenson, WA

The River-to-Rock trail adds 1.6 miles to the Beacon Rock climb and offers parking away from the crowds. The trail hooks up to the trail to the top of Beacon Rock. Begin this hike at Doestch Day Use Area. Wildflowers in the spring and blackberries in the summer make this a nice beginning to your 848-foot climb to the top of the rock. Visit the marina at the day use area for a picnic and another incredible view of the infamous Beacon Rock. Escape the crowded parking and discover Beacon Rock State Park.

Driving Directions: Once you pass Beacon Rock on Hwy 14, you will continue another 0.7 miles and turn left on Doetsch Ranch Road (signed). Go past the Day Use Area and park in the large parking lot. The River-to-Rock trail starts near railroad bridge and road towards RV camping area.

Note: Washington State Discover Pass required for parking.

LEAVE NO TRACE

- 1 Plan ahead and prepare
- 2 Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- 3 Dispose of waste properly
- 4 Leave what you find
- 5 Minimize campfire impacts
- 6 Respect wildlife
- 7 Be considerate of others

TOP 10 ESSENTIALS

- 1 Map and Compass
- 2 Sun Protection
- 3 Extra Clothing
- 4 Extra Water
- 5 Headlamp/Flashlight
- 6 Matches or Fire Starter
- 7 Pocket Knife
- 8 First Aid Supplies
- 9 Extra Food
- 10 Emergency Shelter

DON'T FORGET!

A **Northwest Forest Pass** is required for most trails and fee sites in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and Gifford Pinchot National Forest. *NW Forest Passes can be purchased at the Skamania County Chamber of Commerce and local convenience stores.

A **Discover Pass** is required for all trails or fee sites in Washington State Parks. *The Washington State Discover Pass can be purchased at Beacon Rock State Park and local convenience stores.

*Some passes are available onsite.

For details, please visit the following resource websites: www.columbiagorgetourismalliance.org · <https://gorgelove.org> · readyssetgorge.com
Passes may also be purchased online at www.discoverpasswa.gov, store.usgs.gov/forest-pass and discovernw.org.

For more info: columbiagorgetomthood.com/resources



DRY CREEK FALLS

Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

The Pacific Crest Trail was founded in 1926 and spans 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington. It reveals the beauty of the desert, unfolds the glaciated expanses of the Sierra Nevada, travels through deep forests, and provides commanding vistas of volcanic peaks in the Cascade Range. The trail symbolizes everything there is to love— and protect— in the Western United States. Untold thousands of hikers and equestrians enjoy this international treasure each year. Some only travel a few miles, while others complete every mile in a single season.

The movie, *Wild*, which is a story about a young woman hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, ends when Cheryl Strayed reaches the beautiful, iconic Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks, Oregon. As the PCT has gained popularity, more and more people have gotten interested in day hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail. Below are three relatively easy day hikes for those wanting to explore.

Gillette Lake

Round Trip: 5.4 miles
Level: Easy to Moderate
Elevation Gain: 200 ft
3 miles from Stevenson, WA

Gillette Lake is one of the many lakes that were formed by the incredible geological event that created the Bridge of the Gods. It is an easy hike through forest and harvested clearings among rock hummocks and ponds made centuries ago by the Bonneville landslide.

Driving Directions: From the Washington side of the Bridge of the Gods, head west 1.5 miles to Bonneville Trailhead (just across from Bonneville Dam). Hike .5 mile up the Tamanous Trail to the junction with the PCT and turn left. Hike 2.4 miles to Gillette Lake.

Note: NW Forest Pass required.

Trout Creek

Round Trip: 4 miles
Level: Easy to More Difficult
Elevation Gain: 1000 ft
15 miles from Stevenson, WA

Enjoy this little-used section of the PCT as it travels amid the forested ridges between the Columbia River and the Wind River Valley. The trail begins by crossing a wooden foot bridge spanning Trout Creek. One lovely creek, dense mossy forest, old-growth and plenty of solitude are found on this trail.

Driving Directions: Follow the Wind River Hwy 8 miles north through Carson, WA. Turn left on to Hemlock Rd. After one mile, turn right on FR 43 next to Wind River Work Center. 2.5 miles down the road the trailhead is on your left, you will see the wooden bridge.

Note: NW Forest Pass required.

Dry Creek Falls

Round Trip: 4.4 miles
Level: Easy to Moderate
Elevation Gain: 700 ft
2.7 miles from Stevenson, WA

A popular out and back that starts at the Bridge of the Gods trailhead. From the trailhead, cross the road and head up the Pacific Crest Trail. You'll come to Moody Street as it crosses under the freeway. Walk the road uphill to the right, and see the signed trail on your left. After a mile or so, you'll come to a powerline access road. Turn right here and follow the road a short distance under the powerlines to cross and get back on the trail. To get to Dry Creek Falls, do not cross the bridge, turn right here and head up the road to the waterfall.

Driving Directions: From Stevenson, drive west to the Bridge of the Gods. After you cross the bridge, look for a parking area near the restroom. The trailhead is located south of the parking area.

Note: NW Forest Pass required.



VIEW FROM SLEEPING BEAUTY

Laura Graves

Hamilton Mountain

Round Trip: 8 miles
Level: More to Most Difficult
Elevation Gain: 2488 ft
10 miles from Stevenson, WA

The trail to the top of Hamilton Mountain is a gradual climb and is open and maintained year-round by Beacon Rock State Park. The trailhead is at the park and is four miles one way. Allow two hours to hike each way. As the trail climbs, it becomes quite steep on your way to a sheer cliff with spectacular views of the Columbia River Gorge and Bonneville Dam. Hikers will enjoy lush forest scenery and views of Hardy Creek and Rodney Falls along with the “Pool of the Winds,” an impressive cavern enclosing Rodney Falls. The hike is less difficult if you hike only to the waterfalls.

Driving Directions: Drive west on Highway 14 towards North Bonneville, continue to Beacon Rock State Park. Turn right and drive to parking area on your right. The trailhead is located behind the restrooms.

Note: Washington State Discover Pass required (available on site).

Sleeping Beauty

Round Trip: 3 miles
Level: Most Difficult
Elevation Gain: 1500 ft
60 miles from Stevenson, WA

Get ready to discover your new favorite hike with a spectacular 360° view that encompasses Mount Adams and Mount Hood!

Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier and the Indian Heaven Wilderness await you at the top of this 1,500 foot climb. You'll earn this view as you find yourself quickly and steadily gaining elevation while hiking up the trail. Fortunately, the trail is shaded with a classic Pacific Northwest mix of firs, maples and hemlocks. A few sharp switchbacks, and you'll come out of the trees at the base of the rock slope; you're almost there. The rocky trail will lead you to the summit and the site of a former fire lookout.

Driving Directions: Travel east from Stevenson on Hwy 14 for 25 miles to Hwy 141. Travel north 20 miles to Trout Lake, take 141 west, then turn right on Trout Lake Creek Rd / FR 88. Drive 4.5 miles and turn right on FR 8810. Follow FR 8810 for 6.2 miles, then turn right on FR 040. In about .6 mile, there's a small pullout for parking on the right with the trailhead on the left.

Note: The rocks at the top can be tricky to navigate so keep your dogs on a leash. No pass required.

Strawberry Island

Round Trip: 4 miles
Level: Easy
7 miles from Stevenson, WA

Strawberry Island's 4-mile wildlife walk offers family-friendly, flat-terrain hiking. The area used to be an island, however, it is now landlocked. You will find footpaths through high grass, rolling hills and a remote pond full of wildlife. The hike offers gorgeous river and mountain views as well as a great distant view of Beacon Rock.

Driving Directions: Travel to North Bonneville, Washington, 7 miles west on Highway 14 from the Bridge of the Gods. Enter North Bonneville and turn right at the gas station, follow signs to the ball park. Trailhead begins near the ball park, look for totem pole.

Note: No pass required.



DOG MOUNTAIN

Falls Creek Falls

Round Trip: 4.4 miles
Level: Easy to Moderate
Elevation Gain: 800 ft
18 miles from Carson, WA

A 2.2 mile hike takes you to the lower level of the spectacular Falls Creek waterfall. Start the hike by crossing the cable suspension bridge which spans a rock gorge providing spectacular views of the white water of Falls Creek. The trail follows Falls Creek, climbing through a 50- to 60-year-old forest for about 1.5 miles. Continue uphill for 0.7 mile to the base of the waterfall. The trail ends at the waterfall. There is a creek crossing prior to the falls. The delicate mist from the cascades of Falls Creek creates a cool peaceful environment for relaxing at the end of the trail. There is also a hike to the Upper Falls by following this road for 2.5 miles to the trailhead. The grade of the trail slowly climbs away from Falls Creek and crosses two creeks before reaching the waterfall in about 2.5 miles. The trail flattens out for about ¾ of a mile where it meets road #6503 and ends. Falls Creek surges over rocks and timber, cascading from a height of about 100 feet.

Driving Directions: From Stevenson, take State Highway 14 east to Carson. Go through the town and continue north on Wind River Road #30 to FR 32062-057. Turn right and follow the signs to Lower Falls Creek Trail #152A.

Note: *NW Forest Pass required.*

Dog Mountain

Round Trip: 7 miles
Level: Most Difficult
Elevation Gain: 2948 ft
10 miles from Stevenson, WA

A very popular trail, particularly from mid-April to mid-June, when the hills are filled with blooming wildflowers. Hikers will also see impressive views of Mount St. Helens, Mount Adams and Mount Hood. The trail is somewhat challenging as it gains 2,948 feet in elevation and is 3.5 miles to the top. Plan four hours to hike this one and take water and food for the break on top! Watch for poison oak and rattlesnakes along the trail.

Driving Directions: To reach the trail, travel 10 miles east of Stevenson. After mile post 53 on Highway 14, there is a large dirt parking lot on the north side of the highway and a sign marks the trailhead.

Note: *NW Forest Pass required. Permits are required for each individual hiker Saturdays and Sundays from mid-April to mid-June. When parking, both hiker and parking permits are required. Hiking permits are available at recreation.gov*

NOTE: DOG MOUNTAIN SHUTTLE

Skamania County provides shuttle service between Skamania County Fairground's gravel parking lot and Dog Mountain Trailhead on Saturdays and Sundays from mid-April to mid-June.

If you drive, please adhere to the “no parking” signs in the parking lot that are present to ensure safety for all users. Parking on Highway 14 is not allowed and violators will be towed.

For more information go to:
gorgetranslink.com/alerts/dog-mountain-shuttle

Lewis River Trail – Lower Falls Recreation Area

Round Trip: 3.5 miles
Level: Easy to More Difficult
40 miles north of Carson, WA

The Lewis River Trail follows the course of the Lewis River as it meanders through a magnificent old-growth forest of Douglas fir, western red cedar and big leaf maple. Spectacular waterfalls will delight you as you explore this route. The trail leaves the Lower Falls Campground, crosses Copper Creek and comes to Middle Falls. The trail circumvents a cliff above Upper Falls, providing excellent views of the falls. It crosses Alec Creek and terminates on FR 90, near Quartz Creek Trail #5.

Driving Directions: Follow the Wind River Highway (Hwy 30) north of Carson, Washington. Continue up and over Oldman Pass to FR 51 (Curly Creek Rd). Turn left. Stop by McClellan View Point for view of Mount St. Helens. Turn right on FR 90, follow to Lower Falls Recreation Area to Lewis River Trail #31.

Note: *NW Forest Pass required.*



Skamania Lodge Hiking Trails

Creek Loop Trail: 1.5 miles // **Level:** Easy
Beginning at the Golf Shop, turn right and pass the 18th green of the golf course. The trail takes you toward a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the Columbia River and the cliffs of the Oregon Cascades. It then follows the path of Foster Creek, meandering through the forest and crossing the creek twice via footbridge. The trail joins the Lake Loop Trail at Lilly Pad, where many guests report seeing a variety of wildlife including birds, frogs, turtles and deer.

Lake Loop Trail: 1.75 miles // **Level:** Easy
Beginning at the Golf Shop, turn left and go past the 2nd fairway, continuing behind the cart path near the 3rd tee, and coming out behind the 4th green. Follow the trail, go down the hill and behind the 5th green where you will see Wy'East Lake on your left. Follow the gravel service road along the shore of Lilly Pad Lake to the junction with Creek Loop Trail, and return to the Golf Shop. For a slightly longer hike, turn left and follow Creek Loop Trail in a reverse path back to its starting point.

Gorge Loop Trail: 1 mile Fitness Course // **Level:** Easy
The shortest of the three hiking paths is a fitness trail with several workout stations. Gorge Loop begins at the Fitness Center/ playground area. From there, carefully cross the driveway to a paved path overlooking the tennis courts and the 14th fairway. Proceed down the hill into a canyon, to begin a switchback where you will climb back up the hill and emerge behind the 16th green. Follow the cart path down and across the main driveway to return to the Lodge on the paved footpath.

Driving Directions: From Stevenson, follow Rock Creek Drive at the west end of town and look for the sign for Skamania Lodge. From the Bridge of the Gods, travel 1.5 miles east on Highway 14 and turn left on Rock Creek Drive, then drive another 1/4 mile to the entrance of Skamania Lodge on your left.

Note: The trail system at Skamania Lodge offers over four miles of hiking paths on the property. *No pass required.*

Cape Horn Trail

Round Trip: 7 miles // **Level:** Most Difficult
Elevation Gain: 1300 ft // 18 miles from Stevenson, WA

This full trail loop provides fantastic views of the Columbia River Gorge, an intimate look at Cape Horn Falls and a challenging workout as it climbs and descends the rocky slopes of Cape Horn.

From the parking lot, walk directly across Salmon Falls Road onto the trail and into the forest. Most of the climbing for the entire 7 miles is accomplished in the first mile. At the top of the hill you'll pop out onto Tipping Tree Point, which overlooks miles of the Columbia River, Angels Rest, Beacon Rock, Larch Mountain, Multnomah Falls and Dog Mountain. While hiking, if you come upon unmarked branching trails or old roads, just keep to the left and you won't get lost. 1.8 miles from the trailhead you'll emerge from the forest onto a paved road. Cross the road, head toward your left, then turn right onto an old gravel road and continue about 2,000 feet to a bluff overlooking the Columbia and the Nancy Russell Overlook. In ¾ of a mile cross under State Route 14 using one of the new pedestrian underpasses. After crossing the highway, follow the trail toward the bluffs. When you come to a 4-way intersection, go straight, paralleling the edge of the bluffs. The final section of the trail is a 1.3 mile walk along the pastoral country road, back to Hwy 14. Another underpass will take you back under the highway. This hike is not for the novice. The full trail loop is 7 miles with 1,200 feet of elevation gain.

Driving Directions: Follow State Highway 14 west from Stevenson about 18 miles, pass Beacon Rock State Park and continue to the intersection with Salmon Falls Road, near mile post 26. Turn right onto Salmon Falls Road, immediately turn right again and you'll see trailhead parking on your right in the Skamania County Park & Ride lot. www.capehorntrail.org/trailmap

Note: This is not a dog-friendly trail because of steep cliffs. *It is important to note that the lower trail is CLOSED from February 1st to July 15th to protect peregrine falcon nesting areas. Parts of the trail are narrow which can be unsafe during heavy snow and icy conditions. *No pass required.*



ON TOP OF WIND MOUNTAIN

Fort Cascades Historic Site Trail

Round Trip: 1.5 miles
Level: Easy
 7 miles from Stevenson, WA

The Fort Cascades trail is a short 1.5 mile loop along flat ground bordering the Columbia River. The trail includes several sites marking important historic events during early settlement of this area, when it was known as the Lower Cascades. Portions of the old portage railroad, a Chinook Indian village, and the site of one of the three military forts near the Cascade Rapids are seen on this interpretive trail. The Fort Cascades Trail area was a focal point for commerce beginning with the American Indians and continuing through explorers, fur traders, settlers, railroad workers and fishermen. A guide brochure offers hikers a “hands-on” historical experience. The Fort Cascades Trail Guide is available at the Bonneville Dam Visitor Center and Skamania County Chamber of Commerce in Stevenson.

Driving Directions: Travel 7 miles west on Highway 14 towards Bonneville Dam and North Bonneville. Just west of Bonneville Dam, turn left on Dam Access Road and follow the road west to the trailhead.

Note: No pass required.

Whistle Punk Trail

Round Trip: 1.5 miles
Level: Easy
Elevation Gain: 848 ft
 12 miles north of Carson, WA

This trail is a barrier-free interpretive trail that tells the story of forest management from a historical perspective. Signs and a brochure guide visitors along the trail, which runs along an old railroad grade (dating back to 1913) and past features associated with railroad logging by the Wind River Logging Company. The trail also goes past a wetland area and into an old growth forest. The final leg of the trail takes visitors through the old Wind River Nursery field.

Driving Directions: Travel north of Carson for 9 miles on Wind River Hwy. Turn left onto Hemlock Road. After 1¼ miles, turn right on FR 43 (just past the Ranger Station). Go 0.5 mile to FR 417. Turn right on FR 417. Take a left at the T-intersection (stop sign). Go about 1/4 mile to the parking lot.

Note: No pass required.

Wind Mountain

Round Trip: 3 miles
Level: More Difficult
Elevation Gain: 1236 ft
 8 miles from Stevenson, WA

Wind Mountain is a relatively short but moderately challenging hike. It is also known for being home to authentic Native American vision quest sites. The summit offers remarkable views of the Columbia River and Cascade Mountains. There are some spots on the trail that are rocky, so be cautious, and there can be rattlesnakes and poison oak along the trail. And yes, it is windy at the top so be prepared! If you are looking for a quieter hike, this is a trail that is not as well known as Dog Mountain and you can be at the top in half the time.

Driving Directions: Travel 6 miles east of Stevenson on Highway 14 and turn left on Wind Mountain Road (1/2 mile past Home Valley Store). Travel just under 1.5 miles and take a right on Girl Scout Road. Travel 0.4 mile. Just after the paved road gives way to gravel you will see a small unmarked parking area at the north side base of the mountain. Park here and continue down the gravel road about 200 yards to the unmarked trailhead.

Note: No pass required.



PANTHER CREEK FALLS

Panther Creek Falls

Round Trip: 1000 feet
Level: Easy
 13 miles from Carson, WA

Water is abundant in the Columbia River Gorge and especially in Skamania County. And when it is in the form of waterfalls, it is a lovely spectacle to behold. Panther Creek Falls is by far one of the most unique waterfalls in the entire county. The falls consist of two tiers of segmented waterfalls, 50 to 75 feet in height, all pouring into the same basin. You will spend more time in the car driving to this waterfall than actually hiking to it. The falls are reached in less than 500 feet. The trail is short and easy leading to an observation deck. This waterfall is a photographer’s dream.

Driving Directions: Drive along Wind River Highway (Hwy 30) north through Carson for 5.8 miles to the second entrance to Old State Road and turn east. Almost immediately turn left onto Panther Creek Road #65. Drive for 3.5 miles, you will see the sign for Panther Creek Campground. Continue for 4 miles to a large gravel pit on the right side of the road (if you cross Big Huckleberry Creek, you’ve gone too far). Park at the gravel pit, cross the street and walk back down the hill about 100 yards. Look for the trail dropping down next to the rocky slope below the road. There is a sign for Panther Creek Falls on the opposite side of the trailhead. The falls are reached in less than 500 feet.

Note: No pass required.

Sams Walker Nature Trail

Round Trip: 1.2 miles
Level: Easy
Elevation Gain: 50 ft
 12 miles from Stevenson, WA

This is an easy family friendly stroll through former farmland. From the trailhead, walk the well-graveled trail through an abandoned field. When you come to a fork, take the right route. The easy trail weaves its way through a couple of fields to a sign describing planned restoration. From here, the trail heads straight south toward the river. As the trail winds just above the floodplain, look for paths down to the river. Particularly when windy, the views of the river and the Oregon side of the Gorge can be quite beautiful.

Driving Directions: Travel 12 miles west of Stevenson to Skamania Landing Road at milepost (MP) 32.8. Turn left (south) onto Skamania Landing Road and travel 1/4 mile, crossing the railroad tracks to the parking area. To the right you will see a parking area at the trailhead.

Note: Northwest Forest Pass required.

Dry Creek Trail #194

Round Trip: 4 miles
Level: Easy
Elevation Gain: 350 ft
 14 miles from Carson, WA

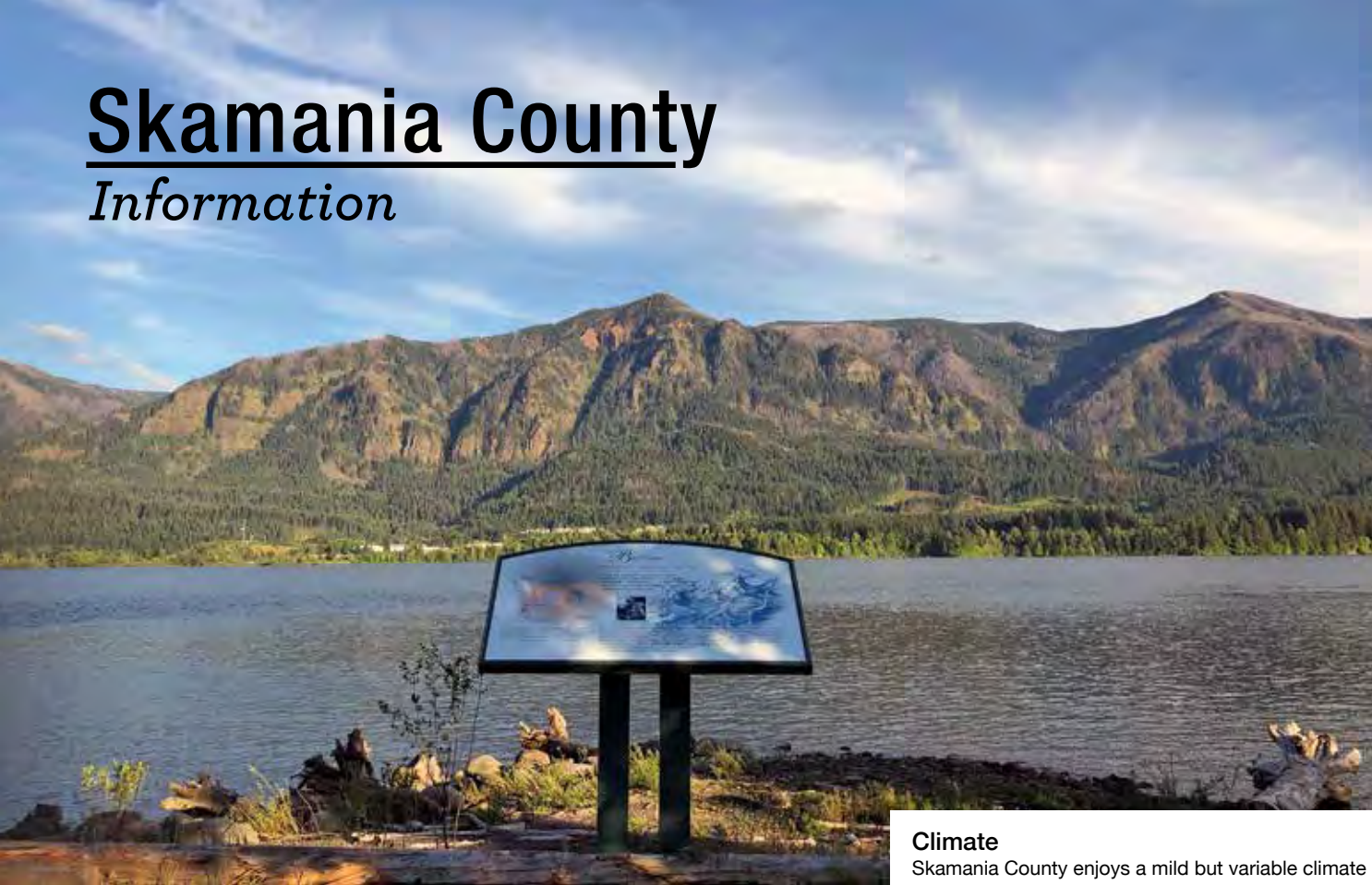
This four mile trail runs north and south to the east of the Trapper Creek Wilderness. You will find an abundance of lush green forest of moss covered maples, firs, vine maple, with a carpet of moss, ferns, lichen and other green plants. It is a very peaceful trail. You’re either near the creek or within hearing distance the entire way and it’s a beautiful creek with a wide washed flood plain most of the way.

Driving Directions: From Carson, Washington follow the Wind River Road north for about 14 miles. Then take a left on Mineral Springs Road (FR 3065). Take the first right on FR 5401 and follow it for about a half mile to the trailhead.

Note: Northwest Forest Pass required.

Skamania County

Information



Climate

Skamania County enjoys a mild but variable climate with rainfall and temperatures growing drier and warmer as you travel from west to east.

Top Employers

Skamania Lodge » Resort & Conference Center
Skamania County » County Government
Stevenson-Carson School District » School System
Wilkins, Kaiser, Olsen » Lumber/Plywood
Silver Star Industries » Fabrication
A & J Select Market » Grocery Store

Taxes

The tax levy rate for Skamania County runs from \$7.1001334 to \$12.556367 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Properties in the State of Washington are valued at 100% of market value. In 2021, the total assessed value was \$2,101,788,372 with approximately 10,000 taxable parcels.

Location

Skamania County spans a distance of 1,672 square miles on the north shore of the Columbia River in the southwestern part of Washington state. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest covers more than 80% of the county. Skamania County also contains portions of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, and is bisected north and south by the Cascade Mountain Range. The major driving route is State Highway 14, which leads east from the metropolitan area of Vancouver, Washington or Interstate 84 from Portland, Oregon. Both cities can be reached in less than an hour's drive from Stevenson, Washington, allowing county residents access to the best of both rural and urban lifestyles.

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Mill A Cook Willard	282	Mill A School: K-8 // 509-538-2522 Stevenson High School // 509-427-5631
North Bonneville	1,005	Stevenson Carson School District: K-12 // 509-427-5674
Skamania Prindle	500	Skamania School: K-8 // 509-427-8239 Stevenson High School // 509-427-5631
Stabler	1,000	Stevenson Carson School District: K-12 // 509-427-5674
Stevenson	1,515	Stevenson Carson School District: K-12 // 509-427-5674
Underwood	1,005	White Salmon School District: K-12 // 509-493-1500
Upper Washougal Cape Horn Skye Mt. Pleasant	2,612	Cape Horn-Skye: K-5 // 360-954-3600 Mt. Pleasant: K-7 // 360-835-3371 Canyon Creek Middle School: 6-8 // 360-954-3600

— Resources —

Banks/Credit Unions

iQ Credit Union, Stevenson 360-695-3441
Riverview Community Bank, Stevenson 509-427-5603
Umpqua Bank, Stevenson 509-842-9310

Churches

Carson Bible Church 509-427-8373
Carson Church of the Nazarene 509-427-8398
Cascade Locks Chapel Assembly of God 541-374-8775
Cascade Locks Bible Fellowship 541-374-4444
Cascade Locks Community Church 541-374-8999
Church of Christ, Carson 509-427-4669
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Stevenson 509-427-5927
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Jehovah's Witness Hall, Carson 509-427-8175
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Living Faith Open Bible Church, Stevenson 509-427-5451
North Bonneville Community Church 509-427-8142
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Seventh Day Adventist Church, Stevenson 509-427-8890
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Stevenson 509-427-5972
Skamania Community Church 509-427-8517
St. Patricks Charismatic Episcopal Church, Cascade Locks 541-374-8763
Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Stevenson 509-427-8478
Stevenson Church of the Nazarene 509-427-5378
The Bridge, Stevenson 509-427-5378
United Methodist Church, Stevenson 509-427-5354

Fraternal Organizations

American Legion Hall, Carson 509-427-8989
Eagles Lodge, Stevenson 509-427-5255
Friends of the Library 509-427-4798
Skamania County Lions Club 509-427-7611
Stevenson Toastmasters 509-427-4590

Libraries

North Bonneville Library 509-427-4439
Stevenson Community Library 509-427-5471

Medical Services/Health Organizations

Alcoholics Anonymous 509-427-5548
Hamilton Park Senior Apartments, North Bonneville 509-427-0018
North Shore Medical Group 509-427-4212
Portside Chiropractic 509-250-1873
Rock Cove Assisted Living Center, Stevenson 509-427-7272
Skamania Acupuncture and Yoga Studio 509-637-3163
Skamania Chiropractic and Rehabilitation 509-427-3600
Skamania County Counseling Center 509-427-3850
Skamania County Health Department 509-427-3881
Skamania County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault 509-427-4210
Skamania County Emergency Services 509-427-5065
Skyline Hospital, White Salmon 509-493-1101
(from Stevenson) 509-427-4083
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Skamania County PUD #1 509-427-5126
GARBAGE SERVICE:
Columbia River Disposal 509-493-3930
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Avista 800-233-9165
NW Natural 800-233-3111
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Gorge Networks 888-508-2363
Spectrum 833-267-6094
Wave Broadband 855-971-1252
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City of Stevenson 509-427-5970
Home Valley Water District 509-427-9647
Skamania County PUD #1 509-427-5126
Underwood 509-427-5126



AVERAGE TEMPERATURES & PRECIPITATION				
Month	Minimum	Mean	Maximum	Inches
January	24°	36°	49°	10.75
March	33°	47°	63°	8.27
May	39°	59°	79°	2.49
July	50°	69°	89°	.58
September	44°	62°	87°	2.82
November	31°	43°	61°	17.68

RAINFALL AMOUNTS BY COMMUNITY (annual approximate rainfall in inches)	
Community	Rainfall Amounts
Carson Home Valley	80"
Mill A Cook/Willard	55"
North Bonneville	70"
Skamania Prindle	70"
Stabler	99"
Stevenson	80"
Underwood	47"
Upper Washougal Cape Horn	56"
Skye Mt. Pleasant	

Resources, continued —

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Building Permits	509-427-3920
Community Health	509-427-3881
County Clerk	509-427-3770
County Commissioners	509-427-3700
District Court	509-427-3780
Elections	509-427-3730
Emergency Management	509-427-8076
Community Events and Recreation	509-427-3980
Extension Agent	509-427-3930
Fire District, Carson	509-427-5013
Fire District 5, Skamania	509-427-4152
Fire District, Underwood	509-427-3654
Fire District, Washougal	360-837-3574
Juvenile Services	509-427-3715
Public Works	509-427-3910
Road Departments: Prindle	360-837-3211
Stevenson	509-427-3951
Underwood	509-493-1709
Senior Services, Stevenson	509-427-3990
Sheriff Non-Emergency	509-427-9490
Treasurer	509-427-3760
Voter Registration	509-427-3730

Port of Skamania County	509-427-5484
Skamania County Economic Development Council	509-427-5110

City of Stevenson

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Post Office, Bingen (Underwood/Cook)	509-493-1225
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THE LEGEND OF THE BRIDGE OF THE GODS

Long before recorded history began, Native American legend says the Great Spirit built a bridge of stone that was a gift of great magnitude. The Great Spirit, named Manito, placed a wise old woman named Loo-Wit, on the bridge as its guardian. He then sent to earth his three sons, Multnomah, the warrior; Klickitat (Mount Adams), the totem-maker; and Wyeast (Mount Hood), the singer. Peace lived in the valley until beautiful Squaw Mountain moved in between Klickitat and Wyeast. The beautiful woman mountain grew to love Wyeast, but also thought it fun to flirt with his big brother, Klickitat. Soon the brothers began to quarrel over everything, stomping their feet and throwing fire and rocks at each other. Finally, they threw so many rocks onto the Bridge of the Gods and shook the earth so hard that the bridge broke in the middle and fell in to the river.

Klickitat, who was the larger of the two mountains, won the fight, and Wyeast admitted defeat, giving over all claim to beautiful Squaw Mountain. In a short time, Squaw Mountain became very heartbroken for she truly loved Wyeast. One day she fell at Klickitat's feet and sank into a deep sleep from which she never awakened. She is now known as the Sleeping Beauty and lies where she fell, just west of Mount Adams.

During the war between Wyeast and Klickitat, Loo-Wit, the guardian of the bridge, tried to stop the fight. When she failed, she stayed at her post and did her best to save the bridge from destruction, although she was badly burned and battered by hot rocks.

When the bridge fell, she fell with it. The Great Spirit placed her among the great snow mountains, but being old in spirit, she did not desire companionship and so withdrew from the main range to settle by herself far to the west. Today you will find her as Mount St. Helens, the youngest mountain in the Cascades.

Scientists say that about 1,000 years ago, the mountain on the Washington side of the Columbia River, near what is now the town of Stevenson, caved off, blocking the river. The natural dam was high enough to cause a great inland sea covering the inland prairies as far away as Idaho. For many years natural erosion weakened the dam and finally washed it out. These waters of the inland sea rushed out, tearing away more of the earth and rocks until a great tunnel was formed under the mountain range leaving a natural bridge over the water. The bridge was called "The Great Cross Over" and is now named "The Bridge of the Gods."

LEGEND: An unverifiable story handed down by tradition from earlier times and popularly accepted as historical.

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


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