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The Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler

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**Sternwheeler Stats** 

**Built in Hood River by Nichols Brothers boatbuilders** 

Launched in 1983

Built and operated as a replica of the sternwheelers that plied the Columbia beginning

in the 1850's Length: 145 feet Draft (Depth): 6 feet

Diameter of Paddlewheel: 17 feet

**Maximum Passengers: 599** 

Horsepower: 400 hp

**Gross Tons: 92** 

Storytelling rich with local history



https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/columbiarivergorge

### **Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area**

**Welcome to Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area** 

The Columbia River Gorge is a spectacular river canyon, 80 miles long and up to 4,000 feet deep, that meanders past cliffs, spires, and ridges set against nearby peaks of the PNW's Cascade Mountain Range. Explore

The Columbia River Gorge is so much more than just a natural wonder - it is a critical transportation corridor and vibrant community of more than 75,000 people living in fertile countryside and 13 urban areas spanning two states and six counties. The Columbia River itself is the Gorge's centerpiece, a lifeline of water and the only sea level route through the Cascade Mountain Range. The Cascades' geology creates a rain shadow effect, causing a dramatic precipitation difference that distinguishes the lush conifer forests in the West end of the Gorge from the grasslands of the Gorge's East end.



Just as in days of old, join us aboard the replica sternwheeler Columbia Gorge for a truly impressive cruise along the picturesque Columbia River.

Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge operates dining and sightseeing cruises along the Columbia River with departures from Cascade Locks Marine Park.

https://sternwheeler.com/parking-and-directions/ The Port of Cascade Locks oversees parking for the entire port area. More Ways to Pay:

Online: https://ppprk.com/

• By Phone: 541-287-7424

Cash Dropbox at Marine Park Entrance



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Columbia River Gorge

Extending roughly from the confluence of the Columbia with the <u>Deschutes River</u> (and the towns of <u>Roosevelt</u>, <u>Washington</u>, and <u>Arlington</u>, <u>Oregon</u>) in the east down to the eastern reaches of the <u>Portland metropolitan area</u>, the <u>water gap</u> furnishes the only navigable route through the Cascades and the only water connection between the <u>Columbia Plateau</u> and the <u>Pacific Ocean</u>. It is thus that the routes of <u>Interstate 84</u>, <u>U.S. Route 30</u>, <u>Washington State Route 14</u>, and railroad tracks on both sides run through the gorge.

The Columbia River Gorge marks the state line between Oregon and Washington, and its wide range of elevation and precipitation makes it an extremely diverse and dynamic place.



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tourist\_sternwheelers\_of\_Oregon

Since the early 1980s, several non-steam-powered sternwheel <u>riverboats</u> have been built and operated on major waterways in the <u>U.S. state</u> of <u>Oregon</u>, primarily the <u>Willamette</u> and <u>Columbia Rivers</u>, as <u>river cruise</u> ships used for <u>tourism</u>. Although configured as sternwheelers, they are not <u>paddle steamers</u>, but rather are <u>motor vessels</u> that are only replicas of paddle steamers. They are powered instead by <u>diesel engines</u>.

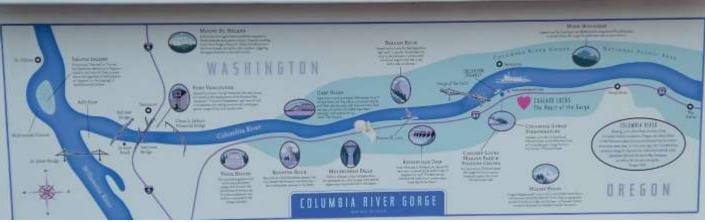
In the case of the 1983-built M.V. *Columbia Gorge*, the construction and operation of a tourist sternwheeler was led by local government officials who viewed the idea as potentially being a major tourist attraction, giving an economic boost to their area, <u>Cascade Locks</u>, <u>Oregon</u>.



The Columbia River Gorge began forming as far back as the <u>Miocene</u> (roughly 17 to 12 million years ago), and continued to take shape through the <u>Pleistocene</u> (2 million to 700,000 years ago). During this period the <u>Cascade Range</u> was forming, which slowly moved the Columbia River's delta about 100 miles (160 km) north to its current location.

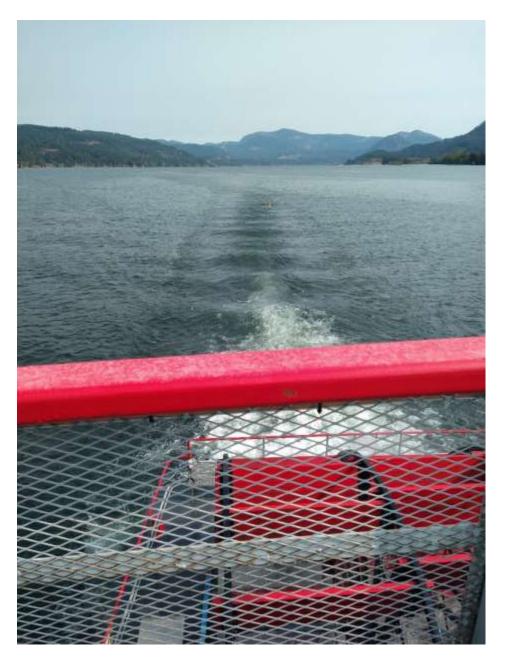
Although the river slowly eroded the land over this period of time, the most drastic changes took place at the end of the <u>last ice age</u> when the <u>Missoula Floods</u> cut the steep, dramatic walls that exist today, flooding the river as high up as <u>Crown Point</u>. This quick erosion left many layers of <u>volcanic rock</u> exposed.





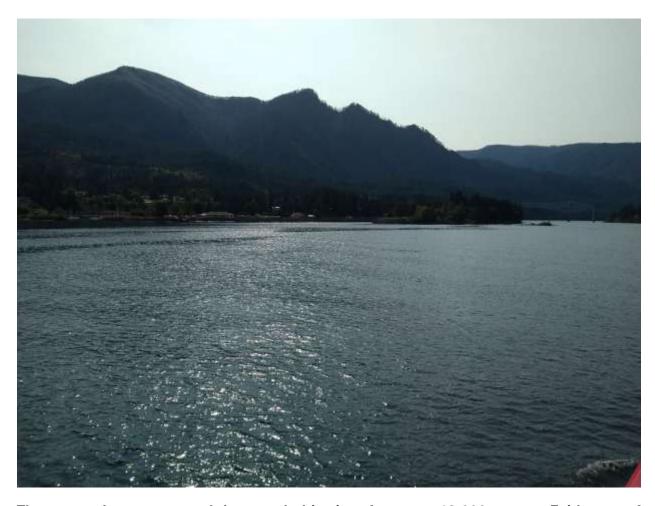


Celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with grand-daughters Leah (11) and Evie (15).



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The M.V. Columbia Gorge is a 145-foot (44 m) sternwheeler in service on both the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. She was built in Hood River by Nichols Boat Works and was launched on August 30, 1983. The motors driving her 17-foot (5.2 m) paddle wheel are diesel-powered. She was partially modeled on the 1890-built Bailey Gatzert and is named for the Columbia River Gorge. She was built for the Port of Cascade Locks, at a cost of around \$2.5 million, of which \$1.1 million was funded by federal grants secured by U.S. Senators Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood, with a goal of boosting tourism in the area.



The gorge has supported human habitation for over 13,000 years. Evidence of the Folsom and Marmes people, who crossed the Bering land bridge from Asia, were found in archaeological digs. Excavations near Celilo Falls, a few miles east of The Dalles, show humans have occupied this salmon-fishing site for more than 10,000 years.





The gorge has provided a transportation corridor for thousands of years. Native Americans would travel through the gorge to trade at Celilo Falls, both along the river and over Lolo Pass on the north side of Mount Hood. In 1805, the route was used by the Lewis and Clark Expedition to reach the Pacific. [6]





 $80^{\text{th}}$  birthday celebration with family.



The Gorge was crafted over eons, even before the Cascades rose, and its cataclysmic history of volcanic eruptions, massive floods, and landslides is still evident today. The Gorge's formation began 40 to 60 million years ago, when molten lava pressure pushed up granite to frame the Columbia Basin.

Between 6 to 17 million years ago, ancient volcanoes erupted, streaming more than 20 massive basalt flows into the area that's now the Gorge. They formed rock layers up to 2,000 feet thick, cutting the canyon and becoming most of the rocks in the Gorge today.

Then glacial Ice Age floods sculpted the canyon into a gorge. About 40 Missoula floods—the planet's largest known floods during the last two million years—generated water flows 10 times the total flow of all Earth's rivers. They transformed river tributaries into the world's largest concentration of waterfalls: about 80 named falls, including famous 620-foot Multnomah Falls, the United States' second-highest year-round waterfall.

The Columbia River, the only sea-level route through the Cascades, still carves canyon walls that can soar 4,000 feet. Rock pillars jut from the river, monoliths perch atop cliffs, and smaller canyons branch off from the Gorge.

https://gorgefriends.org/wonders-of-the-columbia-gorge/



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridge\_of\_the\_Gods\_(modern\_structure)

The Bridge of the Gods is a steel truss <u>cantilever bridge</u> that spans the <u>Columbia</u> <u>River</u> between <u>Cascade Locks</u>, <u>Oregon</u>, and <u>Washington</u> state near <u>North Bonneville</u>. It is approximately 40 miles (64 km) east of <u>Portland</u>, <u>Oregon</u>, and 4 miles (6.4 km) upriver from Bonneville Dam. It is a toll bridge operated by the Port of Cascade Locks.

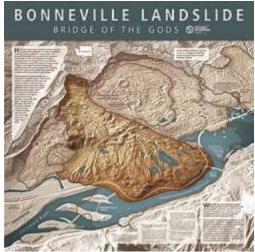






https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bridge of the Gods (land bridge)

The Bridge of the Gods was a natural dam created by the Bonneville Slide, a major landslide that dammed the Columbia River near present-day Cascade Locks, Oregon in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. The river eventually breached the bridge and washed much of it away, but the event is remembered in local legends of the Native Americans as the Bridge of the Gods.



Read about the Native American legend.

https://web.archive.org/web/20120206223937/http://www.theoutlaws.com/indians4.htm

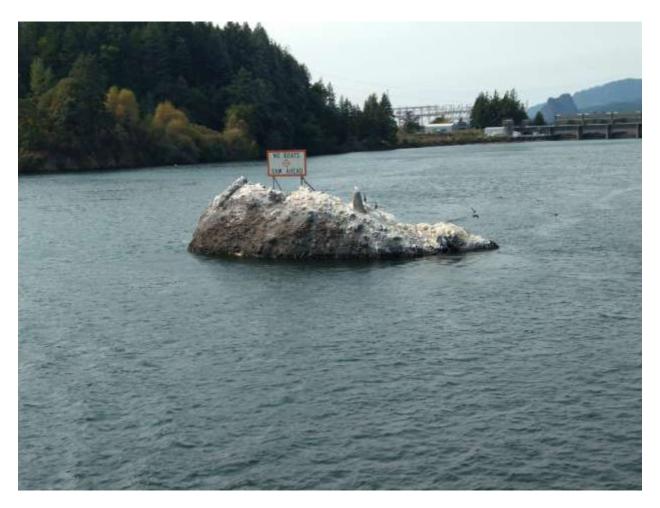


https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonneville\_Dam

Bonneville Lock and Dam / bonavII/ consists of several run-of-the-river dam structures that together complete a span of the Columbia River between the U.S. states of Oregon and Washington at River Mile 146.1. The dam is located 40 miles (64 km) east of Portland, Oregon, in the Columbia River Gorge. The primary functions of Bonneville Lock and Dam are electrical power generation and river navigation. The dam was built and is managed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. At the time of its construction in the 1930s it was the largest water impoundment project of its type in the nation, able to withstand flooding on an unprecedented scale.







In 1896, prior to this damming of the river, the <u>Cascade Locks and Canal</u> were constructed, allowing ships to pass the <u>Cascades Rapids</u>, located several miles upstream of Bonneville.

Prior to the New Deal, development of the Columbia River to provide flood control, hydroelectricity, navigation, and irrigation was deemed to be important. In 1929, the US Army Corps of Engineers published the Columbia River 308 Report that recommended ten dams on the river, but no action was taken until the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration and the New Deal. During this period, America was in the Great Depression, and the dam's construction provided jobs and other economic benefits to the Pacific Northwest. Inexpensive hydroelectricity gave rise to a strong aluminum industry in the area (which has totally shut down since then). With funding from the Public Works Administration in 1934, two of the larger projects were started, the Grand Coulee Dam and the Bonneville Dam. Working in non-stop eighthour shifts, 3,000 laborers from the relief or welfare rolls were paid 50 cents an hour for the work on the dam and raising local roads for the reservoir.



https://www.nwcouncil.org/reports/columbia-river-history/indianfishing/

Indians of the Columbia River Basin were salmon fishers. Salmon spawned as far inland as the headwaters of the Columbia River, 1,200 miles from the ocean and were an important food to the people who lived along the river, and also to those who traveled far to trade for fish at established fisheries like those at <a href="Kettle Falls">Kettle Falls</a> and <a href="Celilo Falls">Celilo Falls</a>.

By about 1,500 years ago, Northwest Indians were arranged in tribes and identified themselves with specific areas or watersheds. Salmon was an important resource for many of the tribes, particularly those in the lower reaches of the Columbia River west of the Cascades, where salmon and steelhead were more plentiful than in rivers east of the mountains. The annual return of salmon and steelhead from the ocean had spiritual and cultural significance for tribes, and the fish had economic importance as a trade and food item. Tribes developed elaborate rituals to celebrate the return of the first fish. These first-salmon ceremonies were intended to ensure that abundant runs and good harvests would follow.



At the time of the first contacts with Europeans, in the late 1700s and early 1800s, Columbia River Indians had well-established fisheries using nets and traps. Particularly in the lower river, from Celilo Falls to the ocean, the abundant salmon runs supplied a reliable and abundant source of protein in the Indians' diet.

Indians were able to fish the salmon runs heavily and still enjoy multitudes of salmon year after year because they practiced a form of management in the form of rules and rituals that limited the catch at the same time it supplied their needs.

In 1957, Washington and Oregon closed the fishery above Bonneville Dam, the fishing area designated by the states as Zone 6, to all commercial fishing. Indian-only fisheries occurred in Zone 6 between 1957 and 1968, but these were for ceremonial and subsistence purposes, not commercial purposes, and were regulated by the treaty tribes, not by the states.



In February 1977, the four Columbia River treaty tribes — Yakama, Warm Springs, Umatilla and Nez Perce — and the states of Washington and Oregon completed negotiations on "A Plan for Managing Fisheries on Stocks Originating from the Columbia River and its Tributaries Above Bonneville Dam." For five years, the 1977 Plan, as it was called, was the basis for salmon harvest management decisions in the tribal-only fishing zone between Bonneville and McNary dams.



The Bonneville Dam Historic District was designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1987. A National Historic Landmark District (NHLD) is a geographical area that has received recognition from the United States Government that the buildings, landscapes, cultural features and archaeological resources within it are of the highest significance and worthy of preservation.



https://www.usgs.gov/geology-and-ecology-of-national-parks/ecology-columbia-river-gorge-national-scenic-area The Columbia River Gorge has a unique set of protections that preserve its scenic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources. The designation of the Gorge took place on November 17, 1986, when the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act was signed into law.









Stop at nearby Multnomah Falls.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Multnomah\_Falls



90-year-old brother at Multnomah Falls.



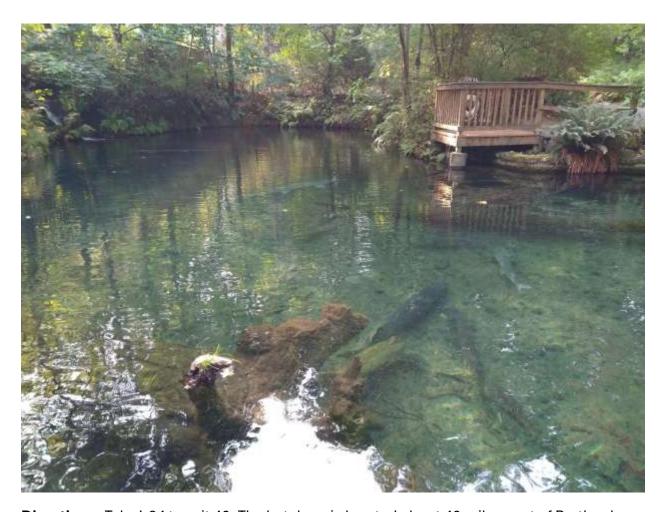




The largest fish hatchery in Oregon, called Bonneville Fish Hatchery, is located next to Bonneville Dam. It is a tourist destination that is often connected to Bonneville Dam tourism. <a href="https://myodfw.com/bonneville-hatchery-visitors-guide">https://myodfw.com/bonneville-hatchery-visitors-guide</a>



- Sturgeon Pond There is one outdoor pond that has young sturgeon in it. White sturgeon will eat live prey items and things that have died. Their mouth is like a vacuum tube and is especially good at eating food off the bottom of the pond. White sturgeon are prehistoric, having evolved over 200 million years ago. They are a cartilaginous fish which means they have no bones similar to a shark or a Pacific lamprey.
- Sturgeon Viewing Center Beyond the outdoor sturgeon pond there is a small white building that you can walk into. This is the Sturgeon Viewing Center, which was built in 1998. Herman the Sturgeon is located in the Sturgeon Viewing Center and is approximately 10' long, 500 pounds and over 80 years old.



**Directions:** Take I-84 to exit 40. The hatchery is located about 40 miles east of Portland.

# Address and phone:

Bonneville Hatchery 70543 NE Herman Loop Cascade Locks, OR 97014



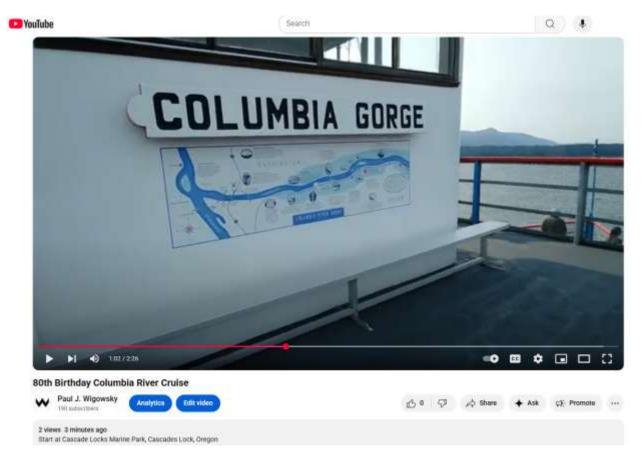
at hatchery gift shop

Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, is a mythical, ape-like creature believed to inhabit North American forests, particularly the Pacific Northwest.

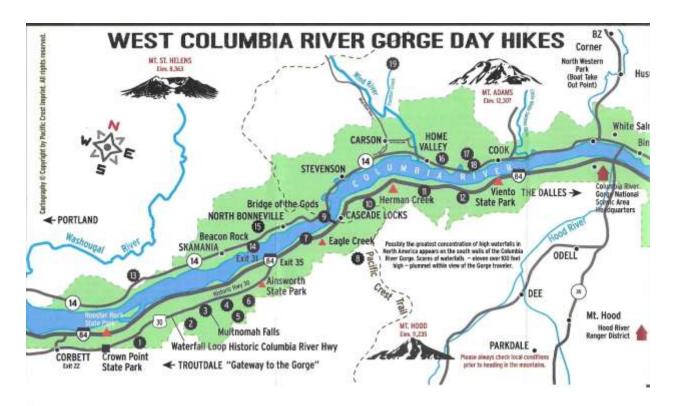
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# **Indigenous Myths:**

Stories of large, wild, hairy men are found in the lore of various Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. The specific term "Sasquatch" is derived from the Halq'emeylem word Sasq'ets, which translates to "wild man" or "hairy man".



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAM82TTntDA



- 1 LATOURELL FALLS TRAILHEAD: Easy, family-friendly Z.A-mile loop with sturning two-tiered, ZZAF ribbon-like falls. The main trail along the creek crosses four small wooden bridge, and then connex to Upper Latourel falls. Return to the trailhead across the bridge, or follow the stairs to Guy Tarbot Park. The lichen-covered columnar besaft formations around the falls steal the show. Beginning from the latourell Falls Tiralhead, follow the gaved viewpoint trail. Multimonth Falls Waterfall Loop.
- 2 WAHKEENA FALLS TRAIL LOOP: Moderate five-mile loop. A waterfall lover's paradise with eight named waterfalls including fairy falls. Mahkeens Falls, Ecola Falls, Meheendanger Falls, and Multomah Falls. Enjoy many rewarding viewpoints along the way. See stonework, bridges, Mathkeena Carryon, and awesome river views. Hike Wahkeena Trail #470 from Historic Highway, Mathkeenah Falls Waterfall Loop.
- 3 MULTHOMAN FALLS: Multinomal Falls in Oregon's most visited outdoor destination. This magnificent, 620-foot, two-bared watershift have year-round, located on the Columbia Gorge Historic Highway From 194, Multinomal Falls has its own highway edit with parking.
- 4 ONEONTA GORGE: Speciacular mossy slot carryon with waterfalls. This botanical area has unique equatic and woodland plants. The like is an easy 15-rolle loop and tansily-friendly for older children. This is the only like featured that requires watering through a river. The modeste to difficult stream scramble (waist-deep water to fraverse when water is low) aids a challenge, Just east of the Oneonta turnel on the south end is the trail entrance. Nutritional Falls Waterfall Loop. (Classed with Norther entire).
- 5 HORSETAH-ONCONTA WATERFALLS LOOP: Easy family friendly 27-mile loop with sturning waterfalls, carryons, and viewpoints, includes Horsetall Falls, Pooytal Falls, and Lower Oneonta Falls. You can welk behind Ponytali Falls and a bridge takes you over Oneonta Gorge. Start at the Oneonta Gorge entrance. Follow Gorge Trail #400 on the Historic Highway to the junction for Horsetali Falls Trail #435. Multhornali Falls Waterfall Loop.
- 6 ELOMAH FALLS: Moderate 3.5-mile hike with little-known major 227 fails, sweeping gorge-views. Year round flow but best in the late winter and spring. Color ful yellow-green lichen high-lights the clifts on either side. Access via perking lot near MP 36 on old-liwy 30. Multinomah Falls Waterfall. Loon.
- 7 BONNEYILLE DAM: A fun family day trip. Fish viewing windows and sturgeon ponds. "Herman the sturgeon" is 12 feet long and can be viewed from viewing windows. Feed steethead and rainbow brout, Hatchery with educational center and gift shop. Off in64 east of Multinamah Falls. follow stams to the Visitor Center.
- 8 EAGLE CREEK: Moderate. 1.5 miles to Funchbowl Falls or continue for a six-mile adventure. The gorge's most "classic hike." with a stunning carryon plus gorgeous Punchbowl, Metlako, and Tunnel Falls. Accessible only from 1-04 east. Exit #41. 1-04 west travelers will need to turn around at Exit #40 and travel back east to Exit #5. Then right at bottom of the ramp, and travel 0.5 mile to the end of the road. Pass the footbridge lie a large parking let.
- 9 BRIDGE OF THE GODS: Modern-day cardilevered steel bridge crosses the Columbia Biver connecting Oregon and Washington. The ancient land bridge of legend was formed by a giant landslade 1,000 years ago. The natural dam formed an initial see latio tidate. Eventually, the ended the dam, collegising the land bridge and creating the Cascade Ropids. On they M West, cross the Bridge of Gods into Oregon. After the fell booth make a guick left at the Bridge of the Gods traibled parking lot. Two takes are available.
  - II 1 PACIFIC CREST TRAIL 2000: Directly across the road from perking lot. This is the southern leg of the PCT that eventually reaches Mexico. Trail branches to Dry Creek Falls or continues for a wide range of hiking options.
  - Z DORGE TRAIL #400: Hike down from the parking lot to WelliaPa St. Cross the street and look for the trailbood just west of the bridge. This is a leg of the Historic Columbia Silver Highway for Zagle Creek. Easy fat Trail suitable for Trainless or billos.

- 10 DRY CREEK FALLS: Moderate two-mile section of the Pacific Crest Trail. Towering 250-bod columnar baself with a 70-foot waterfall spilling from a nerrow slot. 1-84 East, exit Cascade Locks. Park at the Bridge of the Gods parking let near the full booth. Bridge of the Gods trailined across the road Gracilla Crest Trail.
- 11 GORTON CREEK FALLS: Three quarter mile creek bed rock-hopping to an 80 foot cascading hidden waterfall. 1-84 east from Cascade Locks. Turnat Wyoth East St. Proceed to Myoth Campground. Straight ahead to the traillead parking lot. Get on the trail, go straight. Trail dead-ends at a baself rock impasse. Take to the creek and traverse 200 yards in the waterfall.
- 12 STARWATIONCREEKFALLS: Easy/80-yardbiketothistowering, impressive two-tiered/90 waterfall, information panels with history information siding the way. Easy, family-friendly hike with restroom. The waterfall is directly off 146. Starvision Creek exit.
- 13. CAPE NORN TRAIL: Moderate to difficult 71-mile loop "showpiece trail" with rocky crags, dar-zing cittle, plus two weberfalls. Never trail and the closest trail to Protiand metro area, Matable views include Beacon Rock, Multinomah Falls, Fallen Tree Viewpoint, and the summit of Cape Horn. The parking lot for the trail is a bit east of MP 26. Salmon Falls Road.
- 14 BEACON ROCK: Difficult, mile-long hike to the summit at 848. The monolithic core of an encient visitano. A Gorge landmark, rising above the Columbia filter with spectacular views of the river and gorge. Washington livey 14 to MP 35, 6.5 miles west of Bridge of the Gods. Easy parking directly off livey 14.
- IS HANILTON MOUNTAIN LOOP HIRE: Difficult 7.5-mile loop (with shorter options). Sheer ridge fooming 2.400 above the Columbia Bives: Epic views with everything you want in a challenging gorpe frike. Die creek and three named waterfalls. Limited views of Hardy-Falls, plus railed lookout to view Pool of the Winds and Rodney Falls. From Hey 14, located off MP 35 across from Beacon Book parking lot. Turn up the across road. 3 mile to the first parking lot.
- 16 WIND MOUNTAIR: Moderate to difficult 1.75-mile trail tone west, 360-degree summit views of Columbia River and Gorge, Historic size with views of the famous volcane ML 5t. Helens and ML Adams on clear days. Westington Hwy 14 east from Bridge of the Gods to MP 50.5, burn upbill to Wind Mountain Road, Go 1.3 miles, then right on Girl Scout Rd., then another 2 mile to a flat gravel parking area.
- 17 DOG MOUNTAIN: Difficult. 7-mile loop. Easy access from the Gorge. 2,948-foot challenging surmit with breathtaking views. A wildflower paradise in May and June. Fall filters are also beautiful. Washington Hwy M east from Bridge of the Gods to MP 53.5, fluge signed parking lot on the north side of the highway.
- 18 DOG CREEK FALLS: Easy 100-foot hike to fails. Additional rock climbing adventures are available. Easy view of fails and a pixmic stop. Continue from Bog Creek Fails for a splendid series of wide-fails upstreom. East on Washington Hwy 14 to MP 56, a signed pull-off just east of Bog Mourtain.
- 19 PANTHER CREEK FALLS: Five-star waterfall. A Nidden gem. Two thundering waterfall combinations drop over a hundred feet over a beself rock face. Wewing platform to espay a specificular going o scene. Take Wild Silver Heyn porth through Carson. At the 4-way bithking light, drive straight 47 miles. Take #2 Old State Road, turn right then immediately left to the camppround. Set odomeler here and continue #2 miles end perk at the right side guarry rock dirt pullout. Bockfrock on foot approximately 80 vands to the braithand.

### Please meet us at:

299 SW Portage Rd Cascade Locks, OR 97014 Get directions >

#### Details

Adult	\$95.00
Senior / Military / Native American / Person with Disabilities	\$85.00

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Check this box to acknowledge and agree to the following: Yes

Gratuity: 1 \$75.00

CC Processing Fee: 1 \$17.25

Subtotal	\$592.25
Fees	\$35.54
Total	\$627.79

### We are looking forward to seeing you!

Step aboard the iconic Sternwheeler, nestled in the Heart of the Gorge, for an unforgettable dining experience meticulously prepared by the skilled culinary team. As you dine, be treated to the absolute best panoramic views, local craft beers, wine and signature cocktails, while immersing yourself in the breathtaking beauty of the Columbia Gorge.

Whether you're joining us solo or in a group, rest assured that we can accommodate your party comfortably.

#### Included

- $\bigstar$  Two- Hour Cruise in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge
- \* Brunch Buffet
- ★ Coffee, Tea, Soda, and Water
- ★ Bottomless Mimosas
- ★ 15% Gratuity

#### Menu

Description of image

# What to expect

- Online tickets no need for paper
- Easy-access parking
- A warm welcome from our team
- Board our beautiful paddleboat, The Sternwheeler
- On-time departures
- Stunning sights of the Gorge
- Excellent meals and service
- Storytelling rich with local history
- A drive home with a happy family
- Modest business casual attire
- A wait staff serving you a delightful Sunday brunch
- Storytelling that will make your family smile
- Experiences that create lasting memories
- Wheelchair accessible including bathroom and main deck bar area.

