



## ***LIST OF 29 SCENIC WATERFALLS IN OREGON***

### **(1) Multnomah Falls, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area**

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area defines a large section of the Oregon and Washington border. The area is rich in waterfalls, hiking trails, and awesome mountain views.

Several waterfall hikes branch off from the Oregon side of the gorge, connected by Interstate 84 and the Historic Columbia River Highway.

Multnomah Falls is one of the most popular waterfalls to visit in the Columbia River Gorge and perhaps one of the most iconic natural attractions in Oregon. This impressive waterfall plunges for more than 600 feet to the ground below.

Separated by two drops, the accessible Benson Bridge allows visitors to stand both above and below Multnomah Falls to appreciate the grandeur. On-site amenities include the Multnomah Lodge, constructed in 1925, which stands as a testament to the long history of attracting visitors.

### **(2) South Falls, Silver Falls State Park**

A short drive from Salem within the Willamette Valley, Silver Falls State Park has several waterfalls.

The most distinguished waterfall is South Falls, which plunges more than 175 feet into a beautiful pool. The unique trail that tours the falls traverses behind the falling water for a unique perspective.

An expansive day-use area surrounds South Falls, and this mesmerizing movement of water is only the beginning of an epic showcase of stunning waterfalls. Starting at South Falls, the aptly named Trail of Ten Falls is a 7.2-mile National Scenic Trail, which covers nearly all significant waterfalls within Silver Falls State Park.

Due to this waterfall access, the park's campground ranks as one of the best places to camp in Oregon.

### **(3) Salt Creek Falls, Willamette National Forest**

Plunging for more than 280 feet into a beautiful waterfall basin, Salt Creek Falls is one of the largest, single-drop waterfalls in the state. Much in thanks to the universally accessible boardwalk and viewing platform accessed 50 feet from the parking area, nearly anyone can appreciate this remarkable feat of gravity.

The falls are within the Willamette National Forest and a 60-mile drive east from Eugene. The drive follows the paved Willamette Highway the entire way, adding to the waterfall's accessibility.

Other ways to enjoy this spectacular waterfall include an interpretive trail and a steeper spur trail, which leads to the base of the falls. In winter, properly equipped explorers can park at the Salt Creek Snow-Park just a mere half-mile away and make the easy trek to see the impressive sight.

### **(4) Tumalo Falls, Deschutes National Forest, Bend**

One of the highlights in Bend, and right in the city's abundant backyard known as the Deschutes National Forest, Tumalo Falls and the corresponding day-use area are a classic attraction in the area.

After driving a gravel road and almost immediately after exiting your vehicle at the parking area, a stunning view of the distant Tumalo Falls is easily seen.

It's recommended to explore the Tumalo Creek Trail from here, which leads hikers through the small canyon and up to the top of the falls for a different perspective. Tumalo Falls are popular throughout the year.

### **(5) Watson Falls, Umpqua National Forest**

In the Umpqua National Forest, less than thirty miles north of Crater Lake National Park, Watson Falls is one of southwest Oregon's largest waterfalls. The falls plunge for nearly 300 feet and the surrounding waterscapes are filled with movement and many tributaries, making it a popular place for camera enthusiasts.

The falls are accessed with less than a half-mile hike from the parking area. The parking area and trailhead come equipped with shaded picnic tables and restrooms, providing a great place to enjoy lunch. For an easy add-on adventure to the day, the nearby Toketee Falls is an equally awe-inspiring sight to see.

## **(6) Punch Bowl Falls, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area**

Another iconic waterfall of Oregon, Punch Bowl Falls is accessed via the Eagle Creek Trail within the Columbia River Gorge. Named after the massive pool formed by the rushing water from above, Punch Bowl Falls is not only a scenic sight but it's also a popular swimming hole throughout the summer. Expect flocks of locals, tourists, and families enjoying Punch Bowl Falls, particularly on the weekends.

Punch Bowl Falls is only one of the many attractions and water features found along the Eagle Creek Trail. Farther along the Eagle Creek Trail, long-distance hikers can reach the impressive feat of trail engineering known as Tunnel Falls. This steep canyon pathway is always popular and easily earns its designation as one of the top day trips from Portland.

## **(7) Sahalie & Koosah Falls, Willamette National Forest**

Offering an easy-to-access viewing platform and optional trail system, Sahalie and Koosah Falls accommodate all adventure levels. Both waterfalls are part of the scenic McKenzie River. It's highly recommended to connect the two using a 2.6-mile hiking loop that traverses a small part of the McKenzie River National Recreation Trail, one of Oregon's best hiking trails.

Sahalie is the larger of the two waterfalls, though Koosah is known to be the favorite among the two. Both feature separate parking areas and viewing platforms. The falls are accessible with a 70-mile drive from Eugene or a 60-mile drive from Bend.

## **(8) Tamanawas Falls, Hood National Forest**

Following the tumbling waters of Cold Spring Creek for more than 1.5 miles, the trail leading to Tamanawas Falls is a pleasure within itself. Traversing through a lush, forested environment on the east side of Mount Hood, the trail along Cold Spring Creek passes several large and larger drops that give a preview of what's to come.

Upon reaching Tamanawas Falls, it's hard not to tilt your head back in amazement as you take in the plunging water gracefully departing from the 150-foot lava cliff above. The many different vantage points and sitting spots surrounding Tamanawas Falls can provide hours of entertainment, and the never-ending mist from the falls helps keep the area cool in the peak of summer.

### **(9) Proxy Falls, Willamette National Forest**

Within the Willamette National Forest and accessed via the McKenzie Highway (closed in the winter), Proxy Falls is a stunning set of cascading waterfalls that plunge into a pool of cold water. Interested explorers can park their vehicle on a long highway pullout, with restrooms available and recreation passes required, and begin the 1.5-mile loop to experience the falls.

Crossing into the Three Sisters Wilderness shortly within the journey, the trail crosses large lava rock sections that require a more careful step. Proxy Falls is audible before it becomes visible, and after taking the short spur trail down to the base of the falls, it's easy to see why they are some of the most photographed in the state.

### **(10) Latourell Falls, Columbia River Gorge**

Latourell Falls is one of the first major waterfalls along the Columbia River Gorge coming from Portland and is accessible from the Historic Columbia River Highway. This inspiring waterfall plunges for more than 200 feet to create a long ribbon of rushing water and mist.

Expect to share the view with other interested hikers, especially during the summer, which is also a nice time of year to cool off with the icy cold spray and pool at the bottom of the falls. A recommended approach is to bookend your exploration of Latourell Falls at Guy W. Talbot State Park, where a bountiful day-use area is perfect for a picnic and break from the crowds.

### **(11) Munson Creek Falls State Natural Site, Tillamook County**

Munson Creek Falls is one of the largest waterfalls on the Oregon coast and easily accessible from the Oregon Coast Highway. The waterfall area provides a variety of hiking options for the entire family.

A half-mile Lower Falls Trail showcases the tiered waterfall plummeting more than 300 feet to the base. The Lower Falls route gains less than 100 feet of elevation and is accessible for nearly all hiking abilities. A more challenging Upper Trail offers different perspectives and dense coastal forest surroundings.

Enormous western red cedars and Sitka spruces line the trail and define much of the landscape, providing an extra sense of grandeur alongside the falls. Munson Creek Falls is also a great detour to stretch your legs while driving the 101.

### **(12) Toketee Falls, Umpqua National Forest**

Less than three miles from Watson Falls in the Umpqua National Forest, the Toketee Falls Trail is a short out-and-back hike that's perfect for the whole family. The route to see Toketee is a 0.8-mile round trip with less than 200 feet of elevation gain along the way. The few moments of steepness along the route are lined with perfectly placed benches to take a needed rest.

On the trail, different clearings in the foliage lend views of the North Umpqua River carving its way through the canyon. The two drops of Toketee Falls plunge more than 100 feet next to the awe-inspiring basalt columns that define the cliffside. This scenic landscape offers a great swimming hole for the hot days of summer.

An hour from Crater Lake National Park, Toketee Falls makes a great add-on adventure to the national park experience.

### **(13) White River Falls State Park, Maupin**

Thirty miles south of The Dalles and the Columbia River, and tucked into an otherwise dry and remote landscape, White River Falls plunges for more than 90 feet into a stunning pool of cold, cool water. This makes White River Falls a popular spot to cool down during the hot summer months in this part of the state.

The falls can be seen from a viewing platform just off the parking lot. A much closer view is afforded with a half-mile round-trip hike. The route is a bit steep, and contours towards a decommissioned and century-old hydroelectric plant that once utilized the rushing water.

A real appeal of this tucked-away waterfall is an additional side trail leading down to the pool of water where you can dip your feet.

### **(14) Bridal Veil Falls, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area**

Near Multnomah and Latourell Falls on the Historic Columbia River Highway, Bridal Veil Falls is a family-friendly waterfall which is easily explored. Beginning at the abundant parking area, visitors can take two trails to gain some different perspectives of the area.

Interpretive information is found alongside panoramic views of the Columbia River Gorge along the universally accessible Upper Trail. The Lower Trail leads to Bridal Veil Falls - a double cascading waterfall that resembles its namesake when water levels are high. The total length of traversing both trails is under two miles.

A small viewing platform can be found at the base of the falls, as well as a giant rock feature that's a popular spot to pose for a picture.

### **(15) Hug Point State Recreation Site, Arch Cape**

The lush locations of waterfalls always increase their appeal, and the small waterfall found at Hug Point on the Oregon coast is no exception. The stunning ocean environment surrounding this seasonal waterfall is a small slice of paradise and one of the best beaches on the Oregon coast. Access to the beach is from a nearby parking lot or beach walk at low tide.

The falls are situated five miles south of the popular Cannon Beach and are ideal for every member of the family to explore. Other recreation options at Hug Point include sea caves, tide pools, and the Pacific Ocean's never-ending pounding on the shore.

### **(16) Upper Downing Creek Falls, Linn County**

Near Detroit, Oregon. Downing Creek is a 1 mile lightly trafficked out and back trail located near Blue River, Oregon that features a river and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for hiking and nature trips.

### **(17) Marion Falls, Willamette National Forest**

Marion Falls and Gatch Falls is a 4.3 mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Idanha, Oregon that features a lake and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for hiking, walking, and bird watching and is best used from April until September

### **(18) Sweet Creek Falls, Siuslaw National Forest**

Superbly family friendly, this collection of small waterfalls enhances a shady hiking trail with fun bridges and metal walkways skirting the creek. Delightful year-round!

Sweet Creek Falls Trail Complex is located near Mapleton on Hwy 126 inland of the Oregon Coast.

Four tiered-plunges ranging from 10 to 30 feet (3.0480 - 9.1440 m) cascade for a total of 70 feet (21.336 m) creating a multiple waterfall effect. Many other smaller falls grace the hike in. Sweet Creek Falls is the grand finale.

This easy, family-friendly 2.2-mile (3.5406 km) hike (Sweet Creek Trail #1319) involves wooden bridges, damp dirt trails and small rivulet jumping. If you like to get your feet wet, wade in the small pools along the way. Please be cautious of slippery mossy rocks and fast-moving currents.

There are four trailheads. For the full hike, start at the Homestead Trailhead - the first one you see. Next is Sweet Creek Falls Trailhead, Wagon Road Trailhead and Beaver Creek Falls Trailhead. Each subsequent trailhead offers a shorter hike.

### **(19) Fall Creek Falls, Umpqua National Forest**

This short National Recreation Trail takes you up a lush valley carved by rushing Fall Creek and jumbled with ancient boulders. Near the beginning of the hike, you'll pass through a tight cleft in the rock, and the creek itself disappears under a massive chunk of basalt. You'll pass gnarly old Douglas-firs to reach 100-foot Fall Creek Falls, which plunges in three tiers over mossy Old Cascades basalt. Return the same way to admire the creek and its cascades under a leafy canopy.

From the trailhead, you'll pass a map of the trail and then cross a footbridge over a narrow defile on Fall Creek. A short trail to the right leads to restrooms, which were out-of-order in early 2018. Continue up Trail #1502, with Fall Creek rushing through a mossy landscape on your left. Numerous large, mossy basalt boulders have rolled down into this valley. Douglas-firs and western red-cedars are the main canopy trees. The trail winds through a narrow split in a huge boulder: There is just enough space for one person to squeeze through! Switchback up past more mossy boulders, and then make two more switchbacks before swinging away from the creek. Looking upstream, you'll see Fall Creek cascading down the slope in a series of short, sharp drops. Pass a massive Douglas-fir and come to the junction with the Jobs Garden Trail #1502A.

Take a right here and hike up in a salal/Oregon grape carpet. Swing left, and reach Jobs Garden, a field of jumbled talus at the base of a collapsed columnar basalt face shaded by big-leaf maples, Douglas-firs, and Pacific madrones. These ancient rocks are part of the Old Cascades, formed over 15 million years ago (as compared to the stratovolcanoes of the High Cascades, most of which are less than one million years old). Ongoing processes of folding have caused these basalt structures to twist and collapse.

Return to the main trail and continue up above the creek. Hike under a tumble of large boulders before the trail levels on a flat of cedars and large Douglas-firs. Powerlines run high above. Soon you'll reach the tallest and lowest tier of Fall Creek Falls, which plunges about 50 feet over a mossy basalt face. You can rock hop to the middle of the stream for a good view.

From this lower tier, the trail makes two switchbacks up along a pole-and-rail fence to reach an upper tier of Fall Creek Falls where the creek spouts out of a narrow defile. The trail makes one switchback up from here to reach gravel FR 4710, the original Umpqua River Highway. Go left here to cross the bridge over Fall Creek. About 50 yards farther on, a short steep user trail drops to mossy ramparts to get a good head on view of the veil-like uppermost tier - only 10 feet high - of Fall Creek Falls

## **(20) Gorton Creek Falls, Hood River County**

This is a little hike in the Columbia River Gorge leading to an amazing 115-foot secluded waterfall, as well as a very photogenic creek scene below. This hike begins at the Wyeth Trailhead. Follow the trail 100 feet to the Gorge-Wyeth Trail Junction near Gorton Creek. The Wyeth Trail heads uphill to the left, and the Gorge Trail #400 leads across the creek to the right, but the one you want is straight ahead. Follow this wide path along the creek nearly level 1/2 mile, passing several small cascades and coming to a beautiful ten-foot slide named Emerald Falls. This is a great place for hikers with kids to turn around.... but the real adventure is just up ahead.

The official trail ends here but a moderate route continues up the creek on the left side. It dips and twists about 100 yards, gaining most of the elevation of the hike as you scramble up boulders and climb on roots near the creek. The "trail" ends at spectacular, two-tiered Gorton Creek Falls. The lower tier is somewhere around 80 feet tall, and the upper tier is smaller, about thirty feet. There are many angles to take pictures of the falls, but the only angle that doesn't hide the upper tier is from straight on. Take a break, then head back the way you came

## **(21) Ramona Falls, Mt. Hood National Forest**

The Ramona Falls Trailhead provides access to numerous trails including the Sandy River, Ramona Falls and Pacific Crest Trail. By combining all three of these trails, visitors can make the Ramona Falls Loop through the Mount Hood Wilderness. Ramona Falls is a jewel drawing visitor to the area. The Sandy River, a designated Wild and Scenic River, is a dramatic example of the forces that a glacial fed river can bring forth to change the landscape. Physical signs of a volcanic debris flow from over 200 years ago are evident where the trail is near the Sandy River

## **(22) Abiqua Falls, Scott Mills**

Take a short hike to one of Oregon's most scenic waterfalls (92 feet). It's helpful to drive to the trailhead in a 4x. 4 and necessary in the winter months.

This trail is unmarked and a little rough and rugged. The land is privately owned by Mount Angel Abbey, but they don't appear to have problems with courteous hikers. Walking out of the parking area back up the road in the direction you came from, you'll pass one dirt trail right at the ending of the parking area. Look about a little further down the road (~100 feet) and find the second trail – this is the one you want. After hiking down a steep part of the trail, you'll hit the creek. Head upstream along the creek to get to the falls. As you get close to the falls, you'll have to climb over logs and boulders.



This is also an amazing spot to capture photos during the winter. Make sure that if you choose to go here in the snowy months that you have a 4x4 vehicle to get you to the trailhead.

For directions on how to get to the parking area: Use a GPS to get you to the town of Scotts Mills, from there you'll want to turn south on Crooked Finger road. You'll go about 9.5 miles down that road, the pavement will end, and you'll want to keep going. Once the dirt road starts you'll drive another 1.4 miles until you come to a dirt road on the right that is marked with some writing on a piece of wood on a tree - it reads CF 300. After you're on CF 300 drive straight at every junction until you get to a parking area about 2.5 miles downhill. The road is rough, and you'll think you're going the wrong way, but keep going :) you'll know you're at the end when you reach a locked gate.

### **(23) Fairy Falls, Corbett**

This hike up the Wahkeena Canyon allows you to take in all the remarkable features of a stream that is less than a mile long. Wahkeena Creek issues from massive Wahkeena Spring and tumbles precipitously to soon be joined by another stream fed by a copious spring that spouts a little farther west below the Angels Rest Trail. Then the unnamed creek that hosts pretty Fairy Falls joins the spate as it plunges through a narrow defile and over three-tiered, 242-foot Wahkeena Falls. A lollipop loop takes you on the Vista Point Trail, which offers some far-reaching views, and then down to Wahkeena Spring the 2017 Eagle Creek Fire burned over most of this area, but the crown fire sections are small, and the understory is making a rapid comeback.

Walk up to the viewing plaza just above the parking area on the highway. You can appreciate the tiers of Wahkeena Falls from here, but in spring and summer, the view is partially obscured by maple trees. Head to your right and cross a footbridge over Wahkeena Creek. Then make a traverse on a paved trail into Douglas-fir/hemlock woods before making a switchback up. The trail traverses to cross the stone bridge in front of Wahkeena Falls, which may mist you with heavy spray on a windy day. A bench makes a good resting spot or a turnaround if you're pressed for time.

From here, the trail starts up a steep section, climbing about 600 feet in about half a mile. Continue west to pass the former junction with the closed Perdition Trail at a large Douglas-fir. From here, the pathway, which is still paved, rises in 11 stone-walled switchbacks to a junction. Take the short spur to the right to reach Lemmons Viewpoint, named after an Oregonian fire fighter who lost his life in a Nevada wildfire. Vistas extend across the Columbia River to Cape Horn, the Prindle Cliffs, Archer Mountain, Hamilton Mountain, and Beacon Rock (For a description of a short but sketchy off trail excursion near the viewpoint, see The Necktie.).

This is the end of the pavement. Enter a defile with a massive dome of basalt to your right. Sometimes a seasonal waterfall splashes down this face. Cross a footbridge and hike up the

west side of Wahkeena Creek. Recross the creek on a new footbridge at an open mossy face. Six more steep switchbacks take you up rushing Wahkeena Creek and cedar shaded Wahkeena Canyon. You'll arrive at Fairy Falls, a beautiful fan waterfall right next to the trail. Day hikers often tarry here to take photos and imbibe the negative ions. Now make five switchbacks up a burned slope with the conifer canopy still intact to reach the junction with the Vista Point Trail #419.

Turn left here and take the Vista Point Trail #419, which may be running a channel of Fairy Creek. Rock hops the creek and make a traverse in burned woods with a very brushy understory where thimbleberry dominates. The spur to Vista Point leads steeply down to the left. From the viewpoint, there are views east past Beacon Rock and the Bonneville Dam, while the Prindle Cliffs are directly across. On a clear day, you can see the top of Silver Star Mountain and Sturgeon Rock peeking above Archer Mountain. On the Oregon shore of the Columbia River below is the small delta of Wahkeena Creek and Fashion Reef. As you continue the loop, switch backing up three times through the thimbleberries, look for blooming irises along the trail in spring. Reach the upper junction with the Wahkeena Trail at 1,575 feet in elevation.

Keep right to descend a boulder slope on the Wahkeena Trail and, as you arrive at a lovely sword fern and oxalis-carpeted bowl, keep your eyes peeled for a trail sign being eaten by a tree. Pass some large Douglas-firs and hemlocks and come to the Wahkeena-Angels Rest Trail Junction. Stay left here for the short side trip to Wahkeena Spring, which gushes impressively out of the hillside in full force into a shady cedar glade.

Return to the Wahkeena-Angels Rest Trail Junction and go left to make three switchbacks down to the lower junction with the Vista Point Trail #419. Staying left, you'll descend five switchbacks on a burned slope with the conifer canopy still intact. Arrive at Fairy Falls and follow the Wahkeena Trail down Wahkeena Canyon to the trailhead.

## **(24) Horsetail Falls, Columbia River Highway**

Named for its characteristic form, Horsetail Falls plunges 176 feet within view of the Historic Columbia River Highway's "Waterfall Corridor." Just east of the falls is a great picnic spot to enjoy the beauty of the surrounding area.

This is also a trailhead for Horsetail Falls Trail #438, a short but steep hike that passes behind the base of Upper Horsetail Falls (also called Ponytail Falls) and through a basalt half-tunnel before leading to Oneonta Trail #424. Be aware there are steep cliffs in places, so use caution. The Horsetail Falls Trailhead is also used by a section of Gorge Trail #400.

The parking area provides accessible (ADA) parking spots; however, visitors will need to cross the Historic Columbia River Highway to access the viewing area and picnic tables. See timestamp 3:58 in the video below for a glimpse of the picnic area.

### **(25) Spirit Falls, Umpqua National Forest**

This short, easy trail descends gradually with occasional switchbacks down to Spirit Falls, a fairy tale-sequel waterfall that drops 60 feet over a mossy rock wall into a shallow pool inhabited by frogs and salamanders.

Spirit Falls is generally shaded by the surrounding woods; however, in late spring and summer, sunlight reaches the base of the falls in the early afternoon hours and makes for a lovely photograph. Moon Falls Trail #1423, Pinard Falls Trail #1406, and Spirit Falls Trail #1413 constitute a trinity of Cottage Grove Ranger District's most beautiful waterfalls. Due to their proximity and relatively short total hiking distance of 3 miles, many choose to do two or three in the same day.

### **(26) Benham Falls, Deschutes River, Bend**

This day use area is in a beautiful stand of old growth ponderosa pines on the edge of a riparian area. There are several picnic tables and access to the Deschutes River Trail which leaves to the south towards Sunriver and north towards Bend.

Dogs must be on leash at all trailheads throughout the year and on the Deschutes River Trail from May 15-September 15.

There is a boat launch here for the Deschutes River for up-river travel.

Recreation Fee Site: Parking at this site requires a recreation pass. Passes are available at this site but can also be purchased from Forest Service offices or vendors. Please check here for more information about recreation passes and where they can be purchased

### **(27) Oneonta Falls, Multnomah County**

Oneonta Trailhead is the gateway to popular day hikes as well as rigorous backpacking routes up Larch Mountain and into the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness. Parking at the trailhead is a simple pullout with about 8 spaces and a kiosk.

The journey starts with a steep ascent up Oneonta Trail to to start your adventure. One of the most popular routes from there is to continue down Oneonta Trail to Triple Falls, then return to the junction with Horsetail Falls Trail (#438), where you will head east and downhill, creating a loop that passes by Middle Oneonta Falls and underneath Ponytail Falls (the nickname for Upper Horsetail Falls). This route ends at Horsetail Falls on the Historic Columbia River Highway, within a short jaunt of Oneonta Trailhead.

For a backpacking journey into the wilderness, continue along Oneonta Trail to connect with remote trails such as Bell Creek Trail (#459) and Horsetail Creek Trail (#425), where crowds are much thinner.

This trailhead also provides access to a journey along Gorge Trail #400, which runs parallel to much of the Historic Columbia River Highway

### **(28) Elowah Falls, Multnomah County**

John B. Yeon is a parking area and trailhead for hikes to two of the most beautiful and secluded waterfalls in the Columbia River Gorge: Elowah Falls and McCord Creek Falls.

The trailhead also marks the west end of the Bonneville Segment of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. Walk or bike the paved trail 5.5 miles to the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead at Cascade Locks.

The trail starts on the south side of I-84 and passes through a forested area where damage from the Eagle Creek Fire is apparent. The trail crosses to the south side of I-84 and takes the historic Moffett Creek Bridge over the creek. It then travels along the Columbia River, with views of Bonneville Dam. The trail then scales Tooth Rock, with eastbound traffic passing through the tunnel below, delivering visitors back on the south side of I-84. After passing Toothrock Trailhead, visitors will see more damage — and rejuvenation — from the Eagle Creek Fire along the way to the Eagle Creek Trailhead.

Just west of the Eagle Creek Trailhead, the trail climbs a 40-foot-tall staircase equipped with bike wheel grooves. Visitors will pass the Cascade Fish Hatchery, which offers self-guided tours and the opportunity to see spawning salmon in the fall. The trail passes Ruckel Creek and a small, charming waterfall before reaching Cascade Locks.

### **(29) Youngs River Falls, Clatsop County**

Youngs River Loop Road off Hwy. 202

A wonderful spot to enjoy good weather, fun trails and a 45-foot waterfall. (Located 8 miles South of Astoria on Youngs River Loop Rd. off Hwy. 202).

Youngs River Falls is a 0.3 mile moderately trafficked out and back trail located near Astoria, Oregon that features a waterfall and is good for all skill levels. The trail is primarily used for walking and nature trips.



### **NOTE:**

**Before visiting these beautiful waterfall areas, it is advisable to check with local authorities to the accessibility into the regions. Some areas require permits while some may be closed due to rehabilitation programs or fires that may have happened in the area.**

**A lot of these sights are inaccessible in winter, and some may require 4-wheel drive vehicles to safely get to the trailheads during certain times of the year.**

**But once you arrive you will surely ENJOY the Beauty of Oregon!**

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