

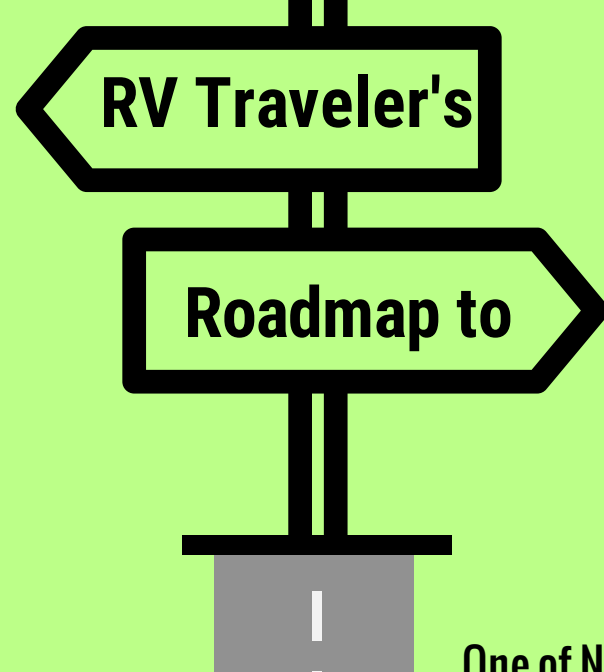


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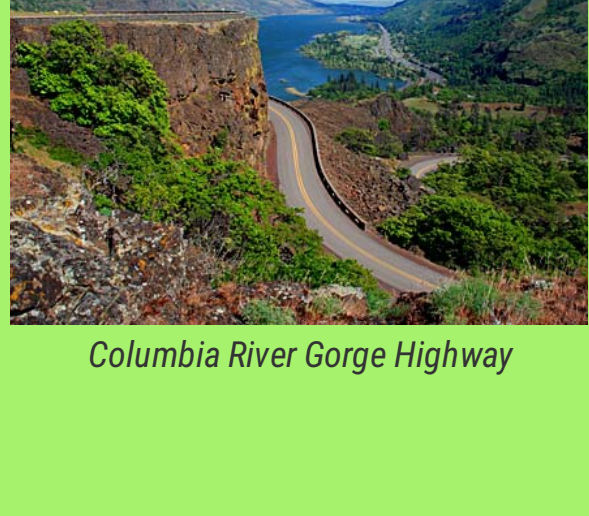


Columbia River Gorge Highway

One of North America's grandest rivers, the Columbia is at its finest as it rolls through the Columbia River Gorge, framed by sheer walls of basalt, cloaked in firs and ferns and rare endemic plants, accented with waterfall after crashing waterfall. The nation's second National Scenic Area, the Columbia River Gorge is also the largest and most densely populated, offering the amenities of urban centers close to the wild beauty of the outdoors.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



Columbia River Gorge Highway

Trip Length: Roughly 140 miles

Best Time To Go: Year Round

Must See Nearby Attractions:

- 1** Fort Vancouver National Historic Site (Vancouver)
- 2** Pearson Air Museum (Vancouver)
- 3** Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery (Underwood)

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Traveler's Notes



A bighorn ram grazes in the Columbia River Gorge east of The Dalles.

The Sandy River marks the western boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, where the Portland metro area ends and the byway begins. From Troutdale (exit 17 on Interstate 84), the road follows the Sandy upstream, then winds uphill through Corbett to your first cliff-top panorama of the Gorge at the Portland Women's Forum State Scenic Viewpoint.

From Crown Point, the byway drifts down the mountain in gentle arcs suitable for touring cars from the early 20th century, showcasing the highway's original stonework. You're soon immersed in a deeply shaded, ferny oasis, where one waterfall after another tumbles from Gorge rim to roadside.

At exit 40, Bonneville Lock and Dam was the first of many dams to tame the Columbia. The extensive Visitors Center includes an underwater window where you can watch fish wriggling up the fish ladder to bypass the hydropower turbines.

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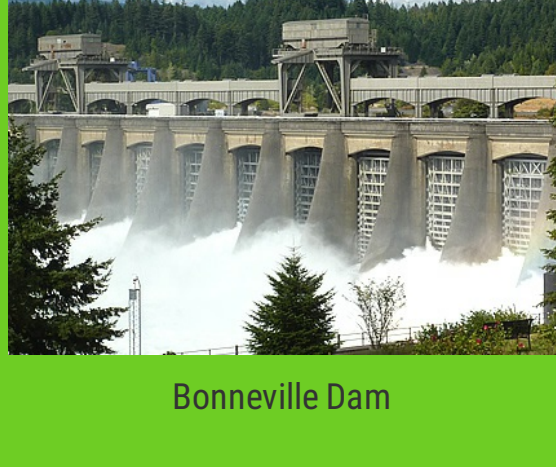
What To See Along the Way



- Cape Horn Viewpoint
- Beacon Rock
- Bonneville Dam
- Stevenson
- Home Valley Park
- Cook - Underwood Road Loop
- Trout Lake
- Roadside Park
- The Dalles Lock & Dam
- Maryhill Museum of Art

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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Bonneville Dam

- Cape Horn Viewpoint:** The Cape Horn trailhead is located at the Skamania County Transit Park & Ride lot near milepost 26 along State Highway 14 at Salmon Falls Road.
- Beacon Rock:** Beacon Rock State Park is a publicly owned recreation area and natural history site on Route 14 in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area about 35 miles east of Vancouver, Washington.
- Bonneville Dam:** The project's first powerhouse, spillway and original navigation lock were completed in 1938 to improve navigation on Columbia River and provide hydro-power to the Pacific Northwest. A second powerhouse was completed in 1981, and a larger navigation lock in 1993.
- Stevenson:** Positioned at the core of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, Stevenson is a prime jumping-off point for exploring the southern Washington's Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Mount St. Helens and other outdoor treasures.
- Home Valley Park:** Home Valley Park is owned and operated by the county of Skamania, WA. The primitive park offers 24 RV camping or tent camping sites. All roadways and parking spots are gravel. Picnic tables are provided at each camping site.
- Cook - Underwood Road Loop:** Traverses nearly 15 miles along the slopes of the Columbia River Gorge, north of Washington Highway 14, and stretches from Cook, on the west bank of the Little White Salmon River(RM 161.5), to Underwood, on the west bank of the White Salmon River.
- The Dalles Lock and Dam:** The Dalles Lock and Dam is 192 miles upriver from the mouth of the Columbia River and two miles east of the city of The Dalles, OR.

Ready, set, go!