



# Cascadia

Nature HISTORY Discovery



## Cascadia State Park

US 20, 14 miles E of Sweet Home  
PO Box 736, Cascadia, OR 97329  
541-367-6021



Latitude: 44.3973 N  
Longitude: -122.4811 W

**Reserve early!** Reserve group areas two days to nine months in advance by phone: Reservations Northwest (1-800-452-5687). More details: [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org)

Cascadia State Park lies in a lush, green former resort setting along the South Santiam River in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. It's a tranquil place to escape for a picnic, and it has individual and group tent camping for those who want to stay longer.

### Camping

(May 1-September 30)

- 25 tent sites (first-come, first-served; maximum site length 35 feet) with water nearby
- Parking, picnic tables, fire rings at all sites
- 2 reservable group tent areas

### Camping Rates

Rates for state park campsites are subject to change. You can find up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949, or visiting [www.oregonstateparks.org](http://www.oregonstateparks.org).

### Other Park Amenities

(Available May 1-September 30)

- Picnic sites with fire rings, drinking fountains
- 2 reservable group picnic areas with covered kitchen shelters and electricity
- Large open play meadow

### Reservations

You can reserve the group tent and picnic areas by calling Reservations Northwest, 1-800-452-5687. Both areas share the open meadow play space and trail access to the river east of Soda Creek.

Group campers can choose between two areas—one (area A) nestled in a forest-ringed cul-de-sac, and the other (area B) positioned near the cliff above the river.

Group picnickers also have two areas to choose from. Areas "A" and "B" are both reservable for groups up to 50 people.

**Need to cancel** your reservation? Follow this guideline: If your reservation is for today or tomorrow, call 541-367-6021. Otherwise, call Reservations Northwest at 1-800-452-5687.

### An Enticing River

The South Santiam River creates pools of clear water and sparkling rivulets among broad, smooth rocks as it flows through a forested corridor between the park and U.S. Highway 20. The refreshing scene beckons swimmers. Spots along the park-side bank beg for anglers.

The bridge over the river between the park and highway is a duplicate of a 120-foot Howe Truss timber deck span, unique in both design and use. The only other known structures of its type support housed or covered bridges. The original bridge, built in 1928, was replaced in 1994.

### Hiking Trails

The River Trail, a 3/4-mile loop leading from the group tent camp area, connects with a spur descending to the South Santiam River.

The one-mile Soda Creek Falls Trail follows Soda Creek through lush forest on a steep ascent to 150-foot Lower Soda Creek Falls.

### Woods and Wildflowers

Tall Douglas-fir, cedar and hemlock give the park a green setting all year. Deciduous alder and big leaf maples trees add color in the fall.

The forest canopy shades the creek and river banks, encouraging the growth of many ferns, mosses and beautiful mushroom species. Enough sunlight filters into the park, however, to help create kaleidoscopic displays of spring and early summer wildflowers. Visit with a wildflower guidebook in hand and see if you can identify such specimens as Oregon trout lily, fairy slipper, western trillium, camas, fawn lily, Hooker's fairy bells, snow queen, false Solomon's-seal, stream violet and Pacific bleeding heart.

### Past Visitors

Before it became a park, Cascadia was a resort built around a large hotel named The Geisendorfer. The resort had tennis courts, a croquet course, a garden and even a bowling alley. Aptly named Soda Creek was the main attraction. Many

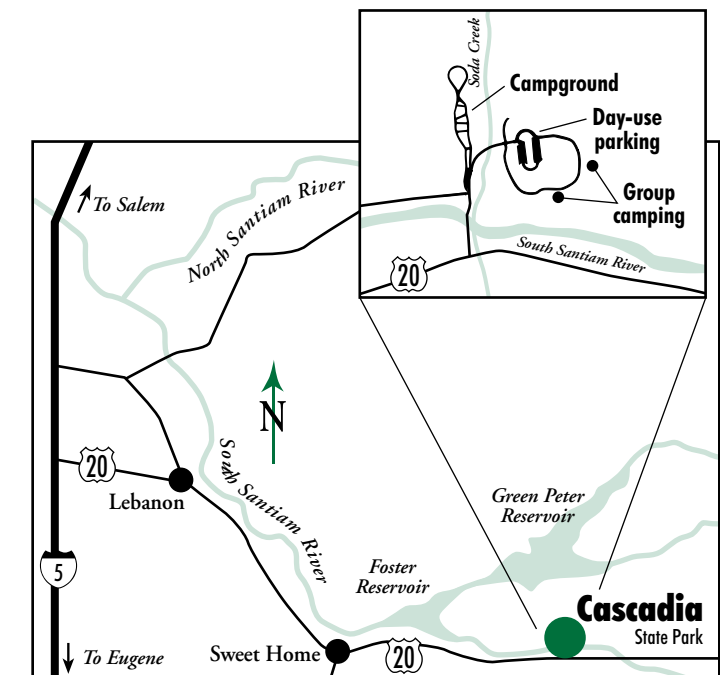
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health conscious visitors in the early 1900's came to drink its natural mineral spring water. The pump they used is no longer there, but you can still take a break on the former resort's old stone patio and watch the gurgling, mineral-laced stream tumble towards the river.

Long before resort guests arrived, groups from the Mollala and Kalapuya tribes visited to harvest huckleberries as well as to fish and hunt. Willamette Valley settlers then made the portion of the park near the river a bypass for horse-drawn wagons on the Santiam Wagon Road, which generally followed the route of today's U.S. Highway 20. The road was used to move livestock to grasslands east of the Cascade Mountains and as a route to sell supplies in the gold-mining boomtowns of eastern Oregon and Idaho.

You can still see old wagon ruts along the hiking trail, near the point where Soda Creek flows into the river. They were made by the wagons of travelers wanting to avoid the tollgates in the vicinity.



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Please help make camping here a safe and enjoyable experience by following these and other park rules:

- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Vehicles must be parked on paved areas only.
- Bicycles are permitted on park roads, but ride them with the traffic flow. Riders under age 16 must wear helmets.
- Pets must be physically restrained at all times when not confined in a vehicle or tent. Leashes must be no longer than six feet. All waste must be properly removed. (See our "Pets in Parks" brochure for details.)

**Check-in** after 4 p.m., **Check-out** by 1 p.m.

**NOTE:** Please use our recycling bins next to the wood bins.

Key			
A1	Tent site	B	Horseshoe pit
	Group camping		Hiking trail
	Restroom		Group picnic area
V	Vault toilet		Firewood
	Showers		Recycling center
P	Parking area		Paved trail
	Exhibit		Unpaved trail
	Accessible facility		

