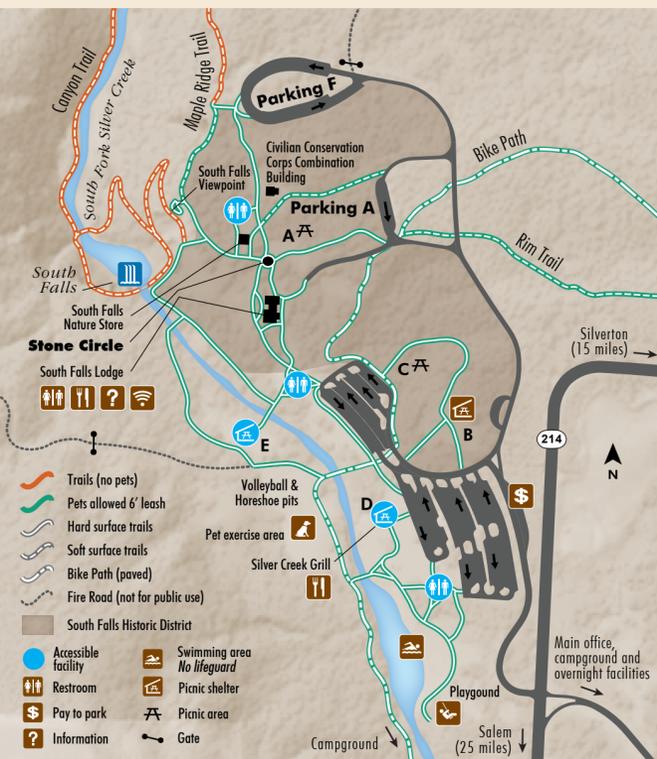


Play for the Day

The South Falls Day-Use Area has spacious lawns, picnic shelters, tables, a playground, a volleyball net, horseshoe pits, an off-leash area for dogs, and charming Silver Creek. Ever since opening day in 1933, visitors have been using these grounds for potlucks, family reunions and weddings. The area is all within a short walk to views of the famous 177-foot South Falls.



Pets are prohibited on all sections of the Trail of Ten Falls—except on the Rim Trail and Bike Path. Bicycles are permitted on the bike path only.

Shop to Support Park Programs

The South Falls Nature Store, operated by The Friends of Silver Falls, sells locally crafted gift items as well as souvenirs and memorabilia. Proceeds support park events, interpretive programs and projects. Information: www.friendsofsilverfalls.net.



A Historic Lodge

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), built the South Falls Lodge in the 1930s. Once used as a restaurant, diners ate on tables and chairs built from only two myrtle trees. The tables inside the lodge today are among the originals. The lodge and surrounding area make up the South Falls Historic District, and the area is also listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



Overnight Excursion

Camping

The main campground has tent sites, RV spots and cabins. Bring your horse and stay in the Howard Creek horse campground. The park also has group tent and RV camps, dormitory-style bunkhouses (each Ranch sleeps 75) and the historic Youth Camp for up to 250 campers.

Silver Falls Lodge and Conference Center



Relax and enjoy comfortable lodging within a wooded setting at the Silver Falls Lodge and Conference Center. Take a swim in the pool (and spa) or feast at the many catered specialty events. Enjoy a preordered meal at the

historic dining hall or order a box lunch to take on a hike or to your campsite. They also specialize in hosting special events. For more information please visit silverfallsloodge.com or call 866-575-8875.

Natural Kids

At the Natural Play Area, located in the North Falls Day-Use Area, children can climb a tree, hide in a bear den, growl like a cougar or weave a bird's nest in this playground designed to fit into the natural landscape.



The Perimeter Trail is a favorite for mountain biking.

Day-Use Parking Fees: Parking for the day is \$5 per vehicle. Pay stations are at many trailheads and all booths. Please bring exact change. Visa and MasterCard are accepted at the pay station at the entrance to South Falls Day-Use Area. Parking is free with a current camping receipt, valid during the length of your stay. Annual and two-year parking passes are available at the park office, the camping registration booth, and the South Falls Nature Store.

Hiking With Pets: For everyone's safety, pets are not allowed on the Trail of Ten Falls, with the exception of the Rim Trail. The South Falls Viewpoint and the short trail to Upper North Falls are the only waterfalls open to hikers with pets. Dogs must be on leashes (6' max). An off-leash pet exercise area is located in the South Falls Day-Use Area.

Park Safety and Etiquette

Black bears and cougars are among many species of wildlife that make Silver Falls home. Although sightings are rare, you should know what to do if confronted by a bear or cougar. Awareness pamphlets are available at the campground booth, South Falls Lodge and park office. Please report sightings to a park ranger.

Restrooms are located in the parking areas. No restrooms are on any trails.

Swimming is permitted only in designated areas, including the base of Upper North Falls.

Campfires are only allowed in the park's enclosed metal fire rings due to the danger of forest fires.

For everyone's safety—**bicycles** are prohibited on the Trail of Ten Falls and inside the South Falls Historic Area.

Keep an eye on children. Children could become lost or injured if unsupervised.

Help Keep the Park Beautiful

Stay on the trail. Taking shortcuts causes erosion and harms plants and wildlife.

Take only pictures. Please do not pick or dig plants. It is unlawful to harass or capture wild animals.

Leave only footprints. Please do not carve or write on signs, trees, rocks or structures.

There are no garbage cans on trails. Pack out all trash.



Northern Saw-whet Owl

Millions of Years in the Making

This land was once part of the Oregon Coast, but volcanoes, basalt lava flows and falling ash changed the landscape to what you see today. Waterfalls tumble over thick basalt that rests on softer, older rock.

The softer layers beneath the basalt eroded over time and created natural pathways behind some of the falls. Look up and see if you can spot the many tree "chimneys," or casts, while you walk behind North Falls. These formed when lava engulfed living trees.



Winter Falls



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Silver Falls State Park



Trail Guide

South Falls



One visit, and you'll know why Silver Falls State Park is known as the "crown jewel" of the state parks system. Its majestic beauty, boundless recreational opportunities and historic presence make it a top recreation destination in the nation. Nestled in the foothills of Oregon's Cascade Mountains, less than 45 minutes east of the state capital of Salem, the sprawling 9,000 acre property is the largest state park in Oregon, and one of the most popular.



Upper North Falls



A school group poses behind Lower South Falls.

Trail of Ten Falls

Where else can you walk behind a 177-foot waterfall? The famous South Falls is the hallmark of the Trail of Ten Falls—a spectacular, nationally recognized hiking trail that passes a series of breathtaking waterfalls along a rocky canyon and descends to a winding creek at the forest floor.

The roughly 7-mile loop is considered to be moderately difficult with some muddy areas, steep sections and an overall elevation change of 800 feet. Several connecting trails with separate access points make shorter (or longer) routes. Most routes begin from the Stone Circle in the South Falls Day-Use Area. See the Trail of Ten Falls handout for details.

Boots, Bikes, Paws and Hooves

Another 25 miles of wooded, multi-use trails beckon hikers with dogs, horseback riders, trail runners and mountain bikers. These less-traveled backcountry trails wind through lush, native vegetation including salal, sword fern and Oregon grape—all tucked beneath towering second growth stands of Douglas-fir and western hemlock. Access backcountry trails from the North Falls Trailhead, the parking area in the Howard Creek Horse Camp and the Highway 214 trailhead on the southwest end of the park.

Bike Path

This mostly paved, 4-mile loop with rolling hills parallels the Rim Trail and passes the swimming area, the day-use area, the campground and a large meadow. There are no waterfalls on this route.