Cascadia State Park lies on the site of a former resort along the South Santiam River in the lush, green foothills of the Cascade Mountains. It’s a tranquil place to escape for a picnic, but it also offers individual and group tent camping for those who want to stay longer. The campground is open May 1 to September 30; the West Picnic Area is open year-round.

Seasonal Camping
(FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED)
- 23 tent sites with water nearby (maximum site length 35 feet)
- Parking, picnic tables, and fire rings at all sites
- 2 reservable group tent areas

Camping Rates
Rates for state park camp sites are subject to change. You can get up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949 or visiting www.oregonstateparks.org.

Other Park Amenities
- Picnic sites with fire rings and drinking fountains
- 2 reservable group picnic areas with covered kitchen shelters and electricity
- Large open play meadow
- Off-leash area for pets
- Access to the South Santiam River (not state park property)

Reservable Group Sites
Group campers can choose between two sites at Cascadia—group camp A is nestled in a forest ring cul-de-sac; group site B is positioned near the cliff above the river. Group picnic areas can be chosen for tent area and picnic areas by calling 1-800-452-5687. Both areas share the open meadow play space and trail access to the river east of Soda Creek.

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, and many spots along the riverbank are perfect 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 supported housed or covered bridges. The original 1928 bridge was replaced in 1994.

Hiking Trails
The River Trail, a ¼-mile loop, starts at the group camp sites and then 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 Cascadia a green setting all year. Deciduous alder and big leaf maple trees add color in the fall. The forest canopy shades the creek and river banks, encouraging the growth of many beautiful ferns, mosses, and mushroom species. Enough sunlight filters into the park, however, to create kaleidoscopic displays of spring and early summer wildflowers, including 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 health-conscious visitors in the early 1900s came to drink its natural mineral spring water. A replica pump has been installed at the site; you can take a break on the old stone patio and watch the gurgling, mineral-laced stream tumble towards the river.

Long before resort guests arrived, groups from the Molalla and Kalapuya tribes visited the area to harvest huckleberries as well as to fish and hunt. Willamette Valley homesteaders then made the portion of the land 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.

Old wagon ruts are still visible along the paved trail near the point where Soda Creek flows into the river. They were made by the wagons of travelers seeking to avoid the tollgates in the area.

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• Campground quiet hours are between 10 pm and 7 am.
• Vehicles must be parked on pavement.
• Bicycles are permitted on park roads, but must be ridden 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.)
• Please deposit recyclable items in the bins near site A22.

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