Old maps show that wagon trails existing in the mid-1800s followed routes near the landmark, crossing the area now occupied by the park.

Inside the Park...

... an inviting day-use area includes:

• 50 picnic tables, and four reservable group areas. To reserve group picnic areas, call 1-800-452-5687.
• A large pond for fishing. The pond is a spring-fed arm of Lake Wallula and is stocked with rainbow trout.
• A boat ramp with access to Lake Wallula, a 64-mile-long reservoir enjoyed by modern-day boating explorers, waterskiers, jetskiers and waterfowl hunters. Anglers can fish for walleye, sturgeon and other varieties.
• The Hat Rock Trail leading to a close-up view of Hat Rock.
• A sand court for volleyball play.
• Three ADA accessible restrooms.

Along the Trails

The Hat Rock Trail ascends to the base of Hat Rock and offers a chance to enjoy nature along the pond. Interpretive displays tell about the area’s wildlife and past volcanic activity. A short spur leads across the pond to the 10-mile Umatilla County Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail and a Lake Wallula overlook. You will find information there about the trail and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Appreciating the Wildlife

The park’s pond, its lakeside position and its irrigated expanses are home to abundant waterfowl. Barn owls live on cliffs above Lake Wallula. Eagles also spend winters along the lakeshore. Beavers, muskrats and deer are among the resident mammals.