Cascadia



Cascadia State Park

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Latitude: 44.3973 N Longitude: -122.4811 W Reserve early! Reserve group areas one day to nine months in advance by calling 1-800-452-5687 or visiting www.oregonstateparks.org.

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

• Parking, picnic tables, and fire rings at all sites

picnic area is open year-round.

• Two reservable group tent areas

visiting www.oregonstateparks.org.

Other Park Amenities

shelters and electricity

• Large open play meadow

Reservable Group Sites

• Off-leash area for pets

above the river.

Seasonal Camping

(First-come, first-served)

Camping Rates

tent camping for those who want to stay longer. The

campground is open May 1 to September 30; the West

• 25 tent sites with water nearby (maximum site length 35 feet)

Rates for state park campsites are subject to change. You can

get up-to-date information by calling 1-800-551-6949 or

• Picnic sites with fire rings and drinking fountains

• Two reservable group picnic areas with covered kitchen

Group campers can choose between two sites at Cascadia—

Group picnickers also have two areas to choose from. Areas A

You can reserve the group tent and picnic areas by calling 1-800-

452-5687. Both areas share the open meadow play space and

one (group camp A) nestled in a forest-ringed cul-de-sac,

and the other (group camp B) positioned near the cliff

and B are both reservable for groups of up to 50 people.

trail access to the river east of Soda Creek.

Need to cancel your reservation? Follow these guidelines: If your reservation is for today, call 541-367-6021. Otherwise, call 1-800-452-5687.

Park Information: 1-800-551-6949

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An Enticing River

Hiking Trails

The River Trail, a ³/₄-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

setting all year. Deciduous alder and big leaf maple trees add

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. Visit with a wildflower guidebook in hand and see if you can identify such specimens as the 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.

Smoking in Oregon State Parks is allowed only in personal vehicles, RVs, campsites and portions of day use parks along state highways that are

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 support housed or covered bridges. The original 1928 bridge was replaced in 1994.

Tall Douglas-fir, cedar, and hemlock give Cascadia a green color in the fall.

designated as safety rest areas by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

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 healthconscious 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 Mollala 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



