



Cascade Pacific Council

WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE

Wauna La-Mon'tay

Lodge #442

Introduction

One of the fundamental purposes of the Order of the Arrow is to promote camping as a part of the unit's annual program, and to help strengthen the district and council camping program as a whole. Wauna La-Mon'tay Lodge provides the Where to Go Camping Guide as an aid to encourage local units to spice up their outdoor adventures, and enjoy the world around us.

We are truly blessed here in the Pacific Northwest with a wide variety of opportunities for adventure. Forest trails, waterfalls, lava beds, alpine peaks, historical sites, whitewater streams, mountain lakes, and ocean shores are available for you and your unit to explore. Your enthusiasm and imagination combined with *GOOD PLANNING* can provide experiences that create positive changes and lifelong memories.

You can lead your Scout unit on a wide variety of outings and adventure using your imagination and enthusiasm with the help of this guide. From simple-yet-exciting one-day trips, to the most exotic and demanding high adventures, the Pacific Northwest is full of places for Scouting.

The places of interest, the trails, the campsites, and scenic areas listed here are just a sampling of the thousands of outings available. Whether you are a new leader inexperienced in planning or new to the area or you are an old trail hand looking for new inspiration, this guide is intended to get you and your unit off on the right foot on trips and adventures you will remember the rest of your lives.

Above all, this guide is not designed to completely plan your outing, but rather spark your imagination and curiosity. It should instead be a ready reference for any Scout in need of knowing good camping areas that are new to themselves or/and the Scouts under their leadership.

"All the natural world around you shows you clearly your reflection"

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Council Properties

Cascade Pacific Council offers Boy Scout Resident Camp at three of the finest summer camps anywhere: Camp Baldwin, Camp Pioneer, and Camp Meriwether. Camp Cooper is the site of National Youth Leadership Training.

Boy Scout Resident Camps

Camp Baldwin:



Blue skies and warm winds on the eastern slope of Mt. Hood attract hundreds of Scouts to this pine forested camp each year. The unique feature of Camp Baldwin is *the string of horses* available for Horsemanship merit badge and overnight trail rides. The Friday evening western style BBQ, followed by Baldwin's American Heritage campfire, is the highlight of the week.

There's trout fishing in Lake Hanel, along with a full aquatics program. The "Cliff Hangers" and "CL Bar Wrangler" programs are offered to supplement older campers. Extensive trail hikes are available to all, along with guided mountain bike rides.

Meals are served "Jamboree" style. The camp provides the food and menus, as well as a Dutch Ovens, and Cooking Kits if needed. The Scouts cook all but three meals in the campsite. Patrols and troops will be stronger units because of this special experience, especially newer Scouts who will develop lifelong cooking skills. Spending a week at this camp will erase any doubt that this is "The Pride of CPC".

Camp Pioneer:

A true "mountain camp" located on the western edge of the Mount Jefferson wilderness, Camp Pioneer offers outstanding opportunities to make your summer camp experiences memorable. Pine Ridge Lake offers rowing, canoeing and swimming. Scoutcraft skills such as pioneering, cooking, and nature study are offered to all.



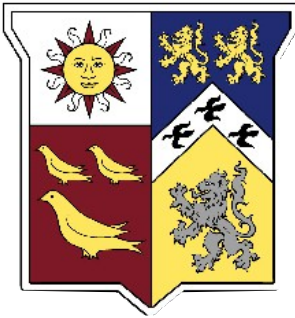
The main feature of the camp is an *incredible hiking and backpacking*

program. The wilderness back-country of Mount Jefferson and dozens of mountain lakes are within easy hiking distance of camp. Become a Cascade Ranger to take part in numerous high adventure activities: hikes, climbs, caving, overnights. Any camper will walk away with a week of exploring, learning, and living in the beautiful Mt. Jefferson Wilderness.

Pioneer offers an intimate experience for Scouts of all ages and backgrounds. Meals are served in an alpine Dining Hall, and the highlight of any week is the Friday Night Closing Campfire. This camp is truly the "Jewel of the Cascades".

Camp Meriwether:

Every Scout dreams of fun and adventure at summer camp. Since 1926 Camp Meriwether has been bringing these dreams to life. The mighty *Pacific Ocean* provides the dramatic backdrop for this full-service camp. Lake Chamberlain (a fresh-water lake for swimming and boating), a trading post, a .22 rifle range, a shotgun range, an archery range, a black powder range, a brand-new Climbing Tower, and an ecology study center are simply a



handful of activities this camp offers. Scouts enjoy delicious meals served in a state of the art dining hall.

If that's not enough, Meriwether proudly features a replica of Fort Clatsop

with staff acting in period clothing as instructors. Campers can chose to take part in the "Frontiersmen" program, and learn more about how Lewis & Clark lived. The camp also hosts weekly sand castle contests, beach parties, and supervised ocean swimming. Camp Meriwether stands proudly as the "Flagship of our Council".

Camp Cooper:

Camp Cooper is located towards the crest of the beautiful Coastal Mountain Range of Oregon. Its 240 acres of prestine rainforest set 17 miles from Willimina, OR.

Testament Creek Falls is our own 80' waterfall, the tallest for any scout camp. Cooper is small and compact, making it prefect for younger scouts. Yet it has unique programs that allow the opportunity for older scouts and Venturers to experience something new.

Rover Camp:

For Scouts that are unable to ho to summer camp with their troop, or for those who want an additional camping experience, each of the C.P.C.'s resident camps offers a ROVER TROOP.

Leadership for these troops is provided by highly qualified Council volunteers. Rover troops are eligible for Friends of Scouting discounts. Applications will be available in the Camping department in early spring. All Rover troops are filled on a space available basis.

Independent Camp:

In order that your troop receives credit for a long-term camp, if you are not attending one of our council's camps, you'll need to complete a Declaration of Intent to Conduct an Independent Camp form. These are available in the camping department in early spring. At the conclusion of your independent camp, an Independent Camp Final Report should be filed with the Camping department.

Campership Program:

Financial assistance is available to Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from the Columbia Pacific Council to attend C.P.C. summer camps and day camps. The forms to request financial assistance will be available from the Camping department in early spring.



Cascade Pacific Council hires 300 enthusiastic camp counselors annually to serve as handicraft assistants, sports instructors, shooting sports assistants (archery, .22 caliber rifle, BB gun, skeet and black-powder), trading post operators/managers, maintenance and food service assistants, nature instructors and Scout skills instructors, lifeguards and horse wranglers. These staff members serve at ten day and resident camps throughout Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Why Apply for a Camp Staff Job?

Here are a few of the countless reasons that are frequently expressed:

- To make lots of new friends in your area, other states, and even other countries
- To spend a summer in the great outdoors where nature prevails
- To acquire experiential education (learning by doing) and new skills that will last a lifetime
- To be part of an effective team and to cooperate with others to get things done
- To learn how to lead others and to apply leadership skills
- To undertake and fulfill meaningful challenges and to earn the satisfaction of doing a job well
- To work with youth and adults of all ages
- To serve others (the most noble and fulfilling pursuit of all)
- To give something back for the opportunities you have received
- To live in a wholesome environment based on the Scout Oath and Scout Law
- To have the advice, counsel, and support of senior staff who are dedicated to helping you succeed
- To be paid and receive food and lodging in return for something challenging and fun
- To be considered for jobs of greater responsibility and to receive letters of recommendation for other pursuits

Why work at a fast food or retail establishment that focuses on sales when you can have opportunities like these that will prepare you for more meaningful endeavors?

There are many summer jobs available; we hope you'll consider a fun and rewarding camp staff position.

Council Properties

The following are Cascade Pacific Council's facilities that are available to troops on a short-term basis for camping. There is no charge for council units that meet this year's F.O.S. goal. For units that do not meet their goal, or outside units, see program fee schedule for use fees. There is a charge for building use. Advanced reservations are required at least two weeks in advance.

Short Term Council Camps

Camp Baldwin



Baldwin is 17 miles west of Dufur, Oregon on state Highway 44. It is available for short term and winter camping. There's a ranger in residence year-round. Depending on road conditions, the camp is open for "drive-in" camping, however, due to snow conditions it may be closed at any time. Units may get access to the camp via cross country skiing or snowshoeing from the Dufur road only on Hwy. 44 during the winter.

Butte Creek



Butte Creek Scout Ranch is located 30 miles Southeast of Oregon City and 30 miles Northeast of Salem in the foothills of the Cascades. An exciting horseback riding program occurs nearly

every weekend, September through early June at Butte Creek. Weekend camping facilities consist of eight 10 person Adirondacks, 30 two-person Mini-Dacs, tent sites, and 640 acres of hiking and camping wilderness. Separate reservation is required for the horse use, along with regular reservation.

Camp Clark



Camp Clark is the home of Adventure Cove on the Meriwether Scout Reservations 15 miles southwest of Tillamook, Oregon. Tent camping is available. Program features including hiking, marine gardens, and beach activities.

Camp Cooper



Cooper is available for short term tent camping in the winter. Units need to bring their own tents. Chains required November 15 - April 1. It is 18 miles west of Willamina in the coast range. Nature trail, hiking, and outdoor activities prevail. There is a resident ranger on site.

Camp Ireland

This camp is located two miles north of Hillsboro. There is room for five troops with tent camping and shelters. Bring containers to carry water to your campsites. Units using Camp Ireland will enjoy one of the best laid out nature trails in the Cascade Pacific Council. This camp is

excellent for merit badge and advancement campouts.

Camp Lewis

Camp Lewis is located five miles north of Battle Ground, Washington on the Lewis River. The camp has four Adirondack campsites with water and several rustic tent sites. A large covered shelter, campfire bowl, and activity field are available. Program features at Camp Lewis include fishing, hiking, and nature trails. Conservation projects as well as Campcraft and Scoutcraft areas are available in each campsite.

Camp Meriwether



This facility is part of a 780 acre reservation on the ocean. Seven Adirondack sites are available each weekend from September through June. Meriwether's features include hiking, marine gardens, rifle and shotgun ranges, and outdoor camping skills. Meriwether has a resident ranger and Campmasters on duty each weekend.

Camp Morrison

Located near Scio, Oregon, Camp Morrison offers units a great camping site complete with designated campsites, kybos, a small lodge, and plenty of hiking trails. This camp is tucked away in an amazing forest making the ideal weekend campout. A resident ranger is on site.

Camp Pioneer



Camp Pioneer's remote and elevated location restrict the camping season to about five months. Winter snow typically blocks road access and covers the camp into June, and returns in mid-October. However, units who are up to the challenge can snowshoe for 7 miles into camp. Troops that wish to weekend camp at Pioneer are able to do so during the month of September.

Royce-Finel

Royce Finel is a great camp for year round camping. Things to do at this camp include hiking to the beach (2 miles), visiting Fort Clatsop National Memorial where Lewis and Clark made their winter camp. The new Fort to Sea trail from Sunset Beach to Fort Clatsop is now finished. It is about 7 miles long one way and the start of the Trail is only two miles from Royce-Finel. Royce-Finel has five primitive campsites with fresh water, tables and approved fire rings. The camp has a flagpole area, two double latrines. Four camp sites have tarp shelter frames. (The tarp shelters take an 11.5 x 15.5 tarp)

Scouter's Mountain

Scouter's Mountain is without a doubt the most versatile camp in the Cascade Pacific Council. Scouter's Mountain has one a world class COPE confidence course and a large dining hall. The camp has three fantastic camping facilities bordering the main meadow to use during the wet winter months. Box Cars, wooden Tepees and a Fort are available. There are also several tent camping sites, and Camp Discovery is also available for weekend camping activities.

Council Properties

Exploring the wilderness in winter is a wonderful experience. You are far from the crowds, in a hushed tranquil world of white. Whether gliding through a glade of maple trees on cross-country skis, hiking up a ridge on snowshoes, or ice climbing, winter can be a spectacular time of year. Cascade Pacific Council has been blessed with the proud ownership of three of the finest winter lodges in the Northwest.

Winter Lodges



Aubrey Lodge (White River Lodge)

This massive lodge is located on Mt. Hood seven miles past Government Camp. The lodge has its own parking lot just off Highway 35 by the White River Bridge.

The lodge will house 150 people and is equipped to handle four troops each weekend. Two inner tube sliding slopes are available, and for the skiers/snowboarders, Mt. Hood Meadows is just two miles up the road. For those units who wish to snow camp, the lodge grounds offer snow camping in a perfect setting. The lodge is available both summer and winter. A fee per person is charged.

Nanitch Lodge



This winter and summer lodge can be located just above Government Camp, Oregon on the "Old West Leg Road" on

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Mt. Hood. The lodge sleeps 96 people and is equipped to handle four troops per weekend during the winter season. Nanitch Lodge, whether winter or summer, provides our Scouts a wonderful opportunity for winter sports, snow camping, hiking, training experiences, trekking or just enjoying an outing in the mountains. There is a charge per person. Scouts can inner tube on the lodge's slopes or, skiing and snowboarding are available close by.

Phlox Hut



This Lodge is located one-half mile from Timberline on Mt. Hood. The location of the lodge, between two ski runs at Timberline, makes an ideal overnight facility for units interested in going skinning or snowboarding. Space is limited to twelve people only. Snowshoes or skis are the only way into the lodge area. This is a great Venture Patrol or Crew Lodge.

Cascade Pacific Council

Council Properties

Our Council is blessed to offer the following exciting outdoor opportunities to Scouts. From canoeing into Royce-Finel, making the Eastbound Trek, or learning the Teaching E.D.G.E we hope that units make the most of these three exciting programs. More information and reservations can be made in early spring.

Other Programs

Horse Treks:

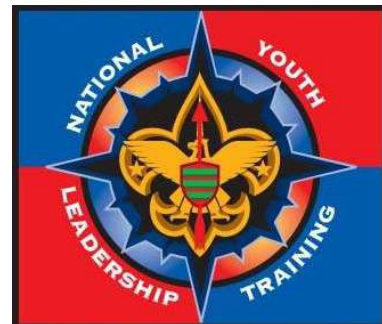
Join us on this once in a lifetime adventure traveling the 165 miles between [Butte Creek Scout Ranch](#), near the Scotts Mills area northeast of Salem, and [Camp Baldwin](#), near Dufur. Travel through the majestic Mt. Hood Wilderness area where you'll learn about horses, the wilderness, horse-packing, and lots of cowboy tales from head wrangler Scott DePaolo and his crack team of wranglers. Each rider will bring their personal gear, sleeping bag and a tent. If the heavens are smiling down on us, plan to sleep under the stars while listening to the crickets chirping and bullfrogs croaking. Grub is served chuck wagon style by Cookie and his staff.

Canoe Flotilla:

The council owns a Flotilla of 12 canoes on two trailers that are rented out to units for use. These canoes have made their way all around Oregon and Southwest Washington, and are the perfect addition to any water themed campout.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Training:

Cascade Pacific Council proudly one of the finest leadership courses in the nation, National Youth Leadership Training. NYLT, for short, is a premier youth leadership training course based on the syllabus of the National youth training program. This training course closely mirrors the same training that adult leaders' receive during Wood Badge, so a troop that has adults and youth who have completed Wood Badge and NYLT will be a troop that is stronger, better organized, and provides outstanding Scouting for boys. This amazing program is offered at Camp Cooper which is located near Willamina, nestled in the coast range within an old-growth timber preserve. With its nature trail and waterfall reminding us of the pristine forests of the great northwest, this is the perfect setting for teaching leadership.



High Adventure Bases

Break out of your unit's boring outings and into the excitement offered at one of the BSA's High Adventure™ Bases! You've got three choices: a unique aquatic quest at the Florida Sea Base; a canoeing or winter camping challenge at the Northern Tier; or a wild west backpacking expedition at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

Adventure Bases

Florida Sea Base:



The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful Florida Keys, as well as Marsh Harbor, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs and crystal clear waters offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short term programs year round.

Units have the unique choice of choosing from snorkeling, sport fishing, sailing, and simply basking in the Florida sunshine.

Northern Tier:

Since 1923, Scouts have been voyaging into the great north wilderness to seek adventure. Eagles soaring overhead, walleye swimming in the depths of pristine lakes, meeting a moose on the portage trail; these are the experiences that Scouts get in Canada and the north woods of the United States. Northern Tier High Adventure



Program is the ONLY outfitter in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Canada chartered by the Boy Scouts of America to deliver the Scouting program to Scouts and Leaders adventuring into North America's Canoe Country.

Philmont Scout Ranch:



Born in 1938 as Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, today's Philmont Scout Ranch is a bustling center for high adventure and training. Youth and adults take advantage of the ranch's camping, training, and work programs. Most activity takes place during the summer, but Philmont also offers its Fall Adventure and Kanik winter program. More than 930,000 Scouts, Venturers, and leaders have experienced the adventure of Philmont since the first camping season in 1939. Throughout its existence, conscientious attention to low-impact camping techniques has helped maintain the ranch's wilderness flavor. This is truly the best hiking outing your unit will ever go on!

50-Miler Award

The primary objective of this program is to stimulate Scout interest in the ideals of personal fitness, self-reliance, knowledge of wood lore, and practical understanding of conservation practices.

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each individual of a chartered Scout unit for satisfactory participation in an approved wilderness trek.

Requirements

Although the 50-Miler is an individual award, the requirements are performed as a group; where groups may be the troop, team or crew or a provisional group made of members of various units.

- The trip must be properly planned and may include other opportunities for advancement and recognition.
- The group must travel a minimum of 50 miles (80.5 kilometers) on land and/or water in a minimum of five days. Travel may be by foot, bicycle, canoe or boat; pack animals may be used where appropriate.
- The group must also complete ten hours of conservation work.



Historic Trail Program

Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize cooperation between historic societies and units

Requirements

To earn the award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historical activity.

- Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or site).
- Hike or camp two days and one night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
- Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site. (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp.) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site - such event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.
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Chief's Secret Spots

These little campsites tucked away from the urban wilderness are very close to the Portland/Vancouver area making them a must; furthermore, all these sites have the Chief's seal of approval. Enjoy!

Secret Spots

Spruce Run

Location: Clatsop State Forest, five miles south of U.S. 26 at milepost 20.

This Coast Range delight, not far off the busy highway to Seaside, is tucked away along the quiet Lower Nehalem River Road. With nice drive-up riverfront sites, and even better walk-in tent sites this camp is a must.

Big Eddy

Location: Columbia County park, seven miles north of Vernonia.

With a scenic Nehalem River setting, large Douglas fir trees, grassy play areas for activities, fishing, canoeing and a boat launch, your unit will have a blast. Very close to Banks-Vernonia State Trail which offers excellent biking opportunities.

Reehers

Location: Tillamook State Forest, 2.5 miles west of Timber.

This Coast Range camp not far from Hillsboro will work just fine for Scouts. A second loop for tent campers gives good camping spots on the Nehalem River, with access to Gales Creek Trail.

Barton

Location: Clackamas County park, 10 miles west toward Estacada from Interstate 205.

A full-service park on the Clackamas River, with tent sites and large grassy play and picnic areas this camp is a great getaway. Plus, a busy boat launch for fishing and rafting.

Metzler

Location: Clackamas County, five miles south of Estacada. With its serene setting on Clear Creek, this park offers an amazingly wild feeling for being

so close to a metropolitan area; good tent sites, plus ball sports and playgrounds

Shellburg Falls

Location: Santiam State Forest, six miles north of Lyons.

A little south of Silver Falls State Park with four walk-in campsites this camp is in a world of its own. Close to a trail behind 100-foot high Shellburg Falls plus free-ride mountain biking.

Wyeth

Location: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, seven miles east of Cascade Locks (exit 51).

This camp in the Columbia River Gorge is amidst a little forest of its own. Wyeth has easy access to Interstate 84 for further exploration of the gorge; the freeway/train noise is a slight issue, but campsites are huge and worth it.

Tucker

Location: Hood River County park, six miles south of Hood River.

With a beautiful setting on the robust Hood River, Tucker's 90 sites are busy throughout summer serving recreation visitors to the Columbia gorge. However, the off season is much quieter providing an amazing campground.

Tollbridge

Location: Hood River County park, 20 miles south of Hood River.

This multipurpose park has good tent camping plus great activity areas. Moreover it is on East Fork of the Hood River, with good access to the gorge and Mount Hood.

Clackamas Lake

Location: Mount Hood National Forest, 20 miles south of Government Camp.

When camps fill at nearby Clear and Timothy lakes, this campground that lacks a lake setting usually has openings among its 46 sites; only two miles from big Timothy Lake, but much quieter make this site a steal for your unit.

Top 10 State Parks

Beautiful landscapes, scout-friendly activities, and outdoor adventure are as close as your nearest state park! Each state offers numerous parks that are protected and preserved for your enjoyment, as well as future visitors. Here, you will find all the information you'll need to plan your visit to the best state parks in our council.

Oregon

Silver Falls

Location: Cascade Mountains, 26 miles east of Salem.

Oregon's largest state park, Silver Falls, showcases 8,700 acres of temperate rain forest. Its premier feature, however, is its seven-mile, nationally recognized Silver Creek Canyon Trail that passes 10 majestic waterfalls. The trail winds behind four of the falls, including the highest (177-foot South Falls) along its route through some of Oregon's greenest, most beautiful scenery. Other trails include a four-mile bicycle path and 14 miles of horse trails. Campground offerings include 54 sites with electrical hookups, 51 tent sites, an eight-site horse camp and 10 log cabins. Unique group camping facilities include two ranch buildings, a youth camp and the park's tent areas. A day-use lodge listed on the National Register of Historic Places and used for natural interpretive programs is the centerpiece of a spacious day-use area. The park's facilities also include a conference center with a dining hall, lodges and cabins.

North Santiam

Location: OR 22, 4 miles west of Mill City. North Santiam State Park plays host to some of the most beautiful riverfront in the area. It is one of the finest steelhead fishing spots on the North Santiam River. North Santiam State Park is a primitive campground and day-use area with drinking fountain and restroom facilities. Picnic tables dot the grass, making North

Santiam State Park a great place to stop to stretch and eat a picnic lunch. Hiking trails show the beauty of the large old-growth trees and the river.

Fort Stevens

Location: Off US 101, 10 miles west of Astoria.

The fort served for 84 years, beginning with the Civil War and closing at the end of World War II. Today, Fort Stevens has grown into a 3,700 acre park offering exploration of history, nature, and recreational opportunities. Camping, beachcombing, freshwater lake swimming, trails, wildlife viewing, an historic shipwreck and an historic military area make Fort Stevens a uniquely diversified park. A network of nine miles of bicycle trails and six miles of hiking trails allow you to explore the park through spruce and hemlock forests, wetlands, dunes, and shore pine. Coffenbury Lake has two swimming areas, a picnic area, restrooms, and a boat ramp. Two other smaller lakes offer boat ramps for fishing and canoeing.

Ecola

Location: Off Hwy. 101, 2 miles north of Cannon Beach.

This 1,305-acre coastal park wraps around scenically prominent Tillamook Head on Oregon's north coast just north of Cannon Beach. Its trails and viewpoints along nine miles of cliffside shoreline overlook panoramic spectacles that include picture postcard seascapes, cozy coves, densely forested promontories and a long-abandoned lighthouse atop a 100-foot-high, offshore rock. Picnic tables stand near scenic viewpoints at the park's Ecola Point and Indian Beach parking areas. The Oregon Coast Trail's route over Tillamook Head forms the park's backbone. Hiking options vary from round-trip treks to shorter hikes originating from Ecola Point, Indian Beach and small parking wayside on the north side of the head in Seaside. A small campsite for hikers is four miles south of the Seaside parking area. The name "Ecola" is a variation of the Chinook word for whale ("ekoli").

South Beach

Location: US 101, 2 miles south of Newport
Located two miles south of Newport, South Beach State Park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including fishing, crabbing, boating, and beachcombing. Camping is available on a year-round basis, and facilities include 54 sites and 22 yurts. Attractions nearby include the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, marine life exhibits at the Hatfield Marine Science Center, and the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Champoeg

Location: Off US 99W, 7 miles east of Newberg.
Featuring a unique combination of history, nature and recreation, Champoeg State Heritage Area is situated on the south bank of the scenic Willamette River, the site where Oregon's first provisional government was formed by a historical vote in 1843. The park's visitor center, Newell House, and Pioneer Mothers Log Cabin museums allow you to take a tour of pioneer life at the town of Champoeg. You can walk or bike along the Willamette River, play a round of disc golf, or go fishing and canoeing. At the end of the day, enjoy camping amid a dense stand of Oregon oak and ash trees.

Cove Palisades

Location: Off US 97, 15 miles SW of Madras.
The Cove Palisades State Park is a year-round recreational destination for the entire family. Located in our high desert region, the weather is sunny and warm in the summer months and chilly but generally mild in the winter. The park is situated among towering cliffs that surround beautiful Lake Billy Chinook. The park features myriad water recreational opportunities, and Nature lovers will find nearly 10 miles of hiking trails that give access to areas rich in wildlife and splendid scenery.

Washington

Beacon Rock

Location: 35 miles east of Vancouver.
Enjoy the beauty of Beacon Rock, a 4,650-acre camping park located in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This park is well known for its unique rock structure created by ice-age floods more than 17,000 years ago. Spring is the perfect time for wildflower viewing, great for nature merit badges. Hamilton Mountain trail is considered a favorite among wildflower enthusiasts. A mile-long trail to the summit of Beacon Rock provides outstanding panoramic views of the Columbia River Gorge. The park has 29 tent spaces, one restroom and two showers. Camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Columbia Hills

Location: on the Columbia River on SR 14 at milepost-85.
Columbia Hills State Park (which includes the Horsethief Lake area and Dalles Mountain Ranch area) is a 3,338-acre camping park with 7,500 feet of freshwater shoreline on the Columbia River. Horsethief Butte dominates the skyline, standing over the lake like an ancient castle. For centuries, the park was the site of a Native American village, but later the village was flooded by the waters of The Dalles Dam. Guided tours of the pictographs and petroglyphs (Indian rock art) are offered on Fridays and Saturdays, April to October; reservations are required. The park has eight tent spaces, eight utility spaces, and two primitive hiker/bicycle camp sites making it great for smaller units.

Maryhill

Location: 12 miles south of Goldendale.
This 99-acre camping park features 4,700 feet of waterfront on the Columbia River in Klickitat County. The area is significant for its natural beauty, its access to the surrounding natural wonders and its cultural history. A full-scale model of Stonehenge stands near the park. Artifacts associated with local tribes can be seen at Maryhill Museum of Art and the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. The park has 20 tent sites and 50 utility sites, and is great for units interested in a low-key campsite.

Great Day Outings

Oregon

Astor Column

Coxcomb Hill, Astoria. The 123' high decorated column was erected in 1926 to commemorate the discovery, exploration, and settlement of the Astoria area. 166 steps inside the column lead to an observation platform giving magnificent view of the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean.

Fort Astoria

At Exchange and 15th St., Astoria. Erected in 1811 as the first permanent outpost west of the Mississippi. A recreation of one corner of the fort is on the original site.

Fort Clatsop

Six miles S.W. Astoria off HWY. 101. A reconstruction of the fort where Lewis and Clark spent the winter of 1805-06. The Visitor Center has ranger lead programs from mid-June through Labor Day. The Fort is open daily.

Tillamook County Pioneer Museum

At 2nd and Pacific, Tillamook. Items of pioneer, Native Americans, natural history, wildlife dioramas, and a mineral room are on display. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm.

Oregon Museum of Science & Industry

At 1945 S.E. Water Ave., Portland. The museum has a verity of exhibits, which change frequently. Planetarium shows, Omni Max Theater show, Submarine tours, and Special Events are available. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Admission Charged, phone for rates 800-955-6674.

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Washington Park Zoo

At 4001 S.W. Canyon Road, Portland. Animals in natural settings. Train ride through the park. Admission charged contact them for rates, phone: 503-226-1561 or www.oregonzoo.org. Open daily, hours change with the seasons.

World Forestry Center

At 4033 S.W. Canyon Road, Portland. Located near in Washington Park (near the Zoo), the Forestry Center's exhibits include the talking tree, a display of the Tillamook Burn, sample of wood from all over the world, a working saw mill, and more. Admission charged, call for rates at 503-488-2147.

End of the Oregon Trail

Interpretive Center

At 1726 Washington Street, Oregon City. This visitors center explains the arduous trail journey and the welcome site of Oregon City the journey's end. Call 503-657-9336 ext. 114 for additional information.

Bonneville Lock and Dam

Just passed the navigation lock and powerhouse off of I-84 (exit 40) is Bradford Island Visitors Center housing five floors of displays ranging from energy and power to water and wildlife, a two-level observation deck, a three screen theater and an underwater viewing room where migrating fish can be seen moving up the fish ladders. Open daily from 7 am to 5 pm, for more information call 541-374-8820.

Hood River County Historical Museum

At 300 E. Port Marina Park, Hood River. Follow signs from exit 64 on I-84. Pioneer artifacts and exhibits of area' history. Admission charged, call 541-386-6772 for rates.

Cascade Pacific Council

Washington

Clark County Historical Museum

at 1511 Main Street, Vancouver. Displays include an early doctors office, print shop country store, and exhibits of Indian and railroad artifacts. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm. Admission charged, call for rates at 360-993-5679.

Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

A reconstruction of the 1825 Hudson Bay trading post. An excellent Visitor Center which features lifestyle of the Northwest. Tours conducted by park Rangers and volunteers. Open daily. Admission charged, contact at 360-816-6230 for rates or www.nps.gov/fova/index.htm.

Wahkiakum County Historical Museum

At 65 River Street, Cathlamet. Native American items, 19th century Americana, Firearms, logging equipment, and farming implements. Admission charged, contact them at 360-795-3954. Hours and days open change with the season.

Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

There are many viewpoints and information stations around Mt. St. Helens. There is a visitor center, a learning center, and a volcano observatory which have a variety of exhibits. Admission charged, contact 360-274-2131 or <http://mountsthelens.com/visitorcenter.html> for rate and time of day open.

Ape Caves

The longest intact lava tube in the continental United States (13,042'). Explore its easily traveled 5000' lower cave or the more difficult

8000' upper cave using a surface return trail. Open year-round. A Northwest Forest Park Pass or Sno-park pass required depending on the time of the year. For more information go to <http://mountsthelens.com/ape-caves.html>.

Klickitat County Historical Museum

At 127 West Broadway, Goldendale, in the William B. Presby House. Displays of household and pioneer items. Open April 1 thru October 31, From 9 am – 5 pm (by appointment only in the off season). More information at 509-773-4303.

The Gorge Heritage Museum

At 202 E. Humbolt St., Bingen. The museum's displays include many items relating to the early history of this area. Display-cases showcase pioneer clothing, household implements, logging and farming tools, medical and surgical equipment, historical documents, newspapers, and Native American artifacts and crafts. The Museum is open late-May thru September, although tours are available year-round. Their telephone number is 509-493-3228, or 509-493-3111.

Stonehenge

One mile east of US 97 and SR 14, Maryhill, then ¾ mile south overlooking the Columbia River. A replica of 4,000 year old Stonehenge in Wilshire, England. The Maryhill Structure is a World War I memorial. For more information contact Maryhill Museum of Art at 509-773-3733.

Maryhill Museum of Art

At 35 Maryhill Museum Drive, Goldendale. Explore Maryhill Museum world class collection of 20th century European art works to Native American collection. Open March 15 thru November 15 from 10 am – 5 pm. Admission charged contact at 509-773-3733 for rates, or www.maryhillmuseum.org

Great Hikes

Since the beginning of Scouting, hiking has always been an integral part. Every year the Boy Scouts of America hike over 1 million miles collectively. With this in mind, Wauna La-Mon'tay is proud to present some of our favorite hiking destinations.

Δ=Possible Backpacking Destination

Easy Weekend Hikes

Eagle Creek to High Bridge

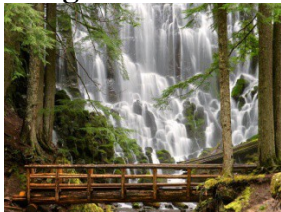
Length: 7 miles **Near:** Portland, OR

This trail through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area leads through a deep, scenic canyon carved by the bubbling Eagle Creek and shaded by a canopy of oak, big leaf maple, and cedar. Along the route, hikers are rewarded with views of half a dozen cascading waterfalls and a creek perfectly suited for a swim during the hot summer months.

Backpackers can hike in and camp at any one of the four established campsites along the first 7.5 miles of the trail—but keep in mind these sites fill up fast.

Ramona Falls Loop

Length: 7.1 miles **Near:** Zigzag, OR



This trail is immensely popular, and it's no wonder. It's a fairly easy hike to a uniquely beautiful falls, with plenty of room for a picnic when you get there. There's

even a side trip available for a sweeping view of Mount Hood.

Angels Rest

Length: 4.4 miles **Near:** Portland, OR

The rock cliffs of Angels Rest, accessible from a well-maintained trail, tower 1,500 feet above the Columbia River Gorge in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. The trail is certain to test your aerobic endurance but includes enough alluring distractions to keep your mind off the elevation gain. As a reward

for all of your hard work, there is a first-rate view of the Columbia River Gorge from the top.

Cape Falcon

Length: 5 miles **Near:** Seaside, OR

This is one of the best hikes on the Oregon coast. It's easy to get to, it's basically flat, and it offers great views and soothing forest. No wonder it's so popular!

Mirror Lake Δ

Length: 1.5 miles **Near:** Government Camp, OR

Mirror Lake is a staple of casual hiking in the Portland/Mt. Hood area. This lake is tucked away in the Mt. Hood Wilderness providing your unit the perfect destination. A quick further hike from the lake takes you to the view point Tom, Dick, and Harry which provides a fantastic view of Mt. Hood. You can camp at designated sites around the lake, though on a busy day you'll have plenty of visitors by your spot.

Pansy Lake Δ

Length: 1.2 miles **Near:** Salem, OR

The short trail to Pansy Lake is hands down the best hike in the Bull of the Woods Wilderness Area. The trail climbs steadily but never steeply a mile to a beautiful lake tucked into a basin below Pansy Mountain and Bull of the Woods. For those with more energy, you can continue up to the summit of Bull of the Woods, the peak from which the wilderness area derives its name. There are plenty of campsites around the lake.

Moderate Trips

Eagle Creek to Wahtum Lake

Length: 13.3 miles **Near:** Portland, OR

This hike is the second most famous, and perhaps most enjoyable hike in the Gorge. Eagle Creek Trail is second only to Multnomah Falls in popularity, being the hike with more waterfalls than any other in the Columbia Gorge. It is also one of the most flexible,

offering day, overnight, and extended backpacking options.

South Sister

Length: 13.4 miles **Near:** Bend, OR

South Sister makes a great backpack trip if you use Moraine Lake as a base camp. Unlike several other routes that lead to the summit, the route from Moraine Lake is not a technical climb, just a long steep hike up the mountain. Hikers attempting this climb should remember that this is a 10,000-foot mountain, subject to quick and sometimes violent weather changes, so pack accordingly. (Note: The climb is not technical in summer) You'll see much of Oregon from the summit, including the other Sisters, North (10,094 feet) and Middle (10,053 feet). Once called Faith, Hope, and Charity by pioneer missionaries, these three lofty peaks dominate the 280,500-acre preserve and the surrounding region.

Broken Top Trail

Length: 11.4 miles **Near:** Bend, OR

A less-used trail that provides a day hike or overnight backpack along the slopes of Broken Top Mountain in the Three Sisters Wilderness. The trail passes through fragile alpine terrain on the south slopes of the glacier-carved Broken Top volcano, and remains near the timberline with excellent views. A permit is required for day and overnight hikes; self issue at trail head. Very few designated campsites, open meadows are plentiful for small parties.

Larch Mountain Trail

Length: 12.25 miles **Near:** Bridal Veil, OR

This is a great trail to take on a sunny afternoon. Not the traditional way to get to Larch Mountain, but a very good look at several falls along the way. Once you pass Multnomah Falls, you enter a lush green forest and meander along the river for 6.8 miles and gains over 4000ft. You will pass no less than 5 waterfalls on the way; some are small and shallow, while others are up to 40ft or more and

plunge into deep green pools. The trail crosses the river several times. Be sure to take the 1/4 mile trail up to Sherrad Point. From this vantage point one can see the following Cascade Mountains. Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood, and the top of Mt. Jefferson.

Extended Journeys

Three Sisters Loop

Length: 55 miles **Near:** Sisters, OR

One of Oregon's greatest long backpacking trips, this route completely circles the Three Sisters, providing ever-changing views of these beautiful siblings. It also visits lesser-known family members (Little Brother, The Husband, and The Wife)—and craggy Broken Top, an apparent outcast, without family ties. The basic loop is unsurpassed, and countless side trips visit even more lakes, high meadows, and viewpoints. A hiker could spend weeks here and never tire of the scenery or run out of places to explore. So get your permit and savor this area. Volcanic features dominate the landscape. In addition to rugged lava flows, cinder cones, and glass-like obsidian, you'll also see pumice meadows. Formed when enormous quantities of pumice bury an area, these meadows have sparse vegetation and no surface water.

Timberline Trail Loop

Length: 41 miles **Near:** Government Camp, OR

The Timberline Trail circling Mount Hood is probably the most famous footpath in the state. Guidebooks describing the finest hiking trails in the nation often include this spectacular route, so Oregonians must share the trail with people from all over the country (and even international travelers). Even before the official trail was built by CCC workers in the 1930s, this round-the-mountain tour had many admirers—and justifiably so. The mountain views are stunning, wildflowers choke the

meadows, and exceptional side trips abound. The enormous trail population is dominated by day hikers, who have access to every corner of the mountain. The Forest Service is currently proposing to restrict the numbers of hikers and campsites—an unfortunate but probably necessary step. Because horses are banned from most of the route, the trails and meadows are still in good shape, despite the number of hikers.

Mount Jefferson Wilderness Traverse

Length: 44 miles **Near:** Detroit, OR

The Pacific Crest Trail traces the entire mountainous backbone of Oregon. Along the way it visits most of the scenic highlights of the Cascade Range. Most hikers rank the section through the Mount Jefferson Wilderness as the best part of the PCT's route through Oregon, and it would be difficult to argue with them. The trail stays high for most of its length here, providing memorable vistas at nearly every turn. Continuing the trip north through the Olallie Scenic Area adds even more lovely meadows and lakes. Hiking this additional section also eliminates the need to drive the very poor road to the Breitenbush Lake trail head.

Columbia River Gorge Loop

Length: 39 miles **Near:** Hood River, OR
Close proximity to Portland and a wealth of easily accessible attractions ensure that day hikers will always dominate the trails of the Columbia River Gorge. For those willing to invest more time in exploring the gorge's wonders, however, a backpacking trip is ideal. This loop provides an excellent sampling of all the gorge has to offer. There are deep forests, waterfalls, splashing creeks, high viewpoints, and cliffs. It includes busy trails beside major highways as well as rarely traveled paths in the remote back-country. There is no better way to get to know and appreciate this special place.

Seaside To Manzanita

Length: 31 miles **Near:** Seaside or Manzanita, OR

This popular stretch of the Oregon Coast Trail packs a lot of scenic variety in a small area. From beaches and tide pools to dense forests and high viewpoints this trip has it all. Add a dose of history and you have a great early- or late-season hike. May is best for flowers, but fall is also pleasant and has fewer people. The entire stretch can be done as a series of fairly easy day-hikes, but a backpacking trip is more satisfying for the connoisseur. The hike is equally attractive in either directions.

Leave No Trace

As cities grow and populations encroach upon woodlands and recreation areas, we must do more than just pick up the litter and extinguish campfires. We must learn how to maintain the integrity and character of the outdoors for all living things. Leave No Trace is not simply a program for visiting the back-country; it is an attitude and a way of life. Learning about Leave No Trace begins with your unit.

Quick movements and loud noises are stressful to animals. You are too close if an animal alters its normal activities.

- **Be Considerate of Others**
Thoughtful campers respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.

The Principles

- **Plan Ahead and Prepare**
Proper trip planning and preparation helps hikers and campers accomplish trip goals safely and enjoyably while minimizing damage to natural and cultural resources.
- **Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**
Damage to land occurs when visitors trample vegetation or communities of organisms beyond recovery.
- **Concentrate Activity or Spread Out**
In high-use areas, campers should concentrate their activities where vegetation is already absent. In more remote, less-traveled areas, campers should generally spread out. When hiking, take different paths to avoid creating new trails that cause erosion.
- **Dispose of Waste Properly**
This simple yet effective saying motivates back-country visitors to take their trash home with them.
- **Leave What You Find**
Allow others a sense of discovery, and preserve the past. Leave rocks, plants, animals, archaeological artifacts, and other objects as you find them.
- **Minimize Campfire impacts**
True Leave No Trace fires are small. Use dead and downed wood that can be broken easily by hand. When possible, burn all wood to ash and remove all unburned trash and food from the fire ring.
- **Respect Wildlife**

Links

Other Helpful Sources

- Oregon State Parks
<http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/camping.shtml>
- Washington State Parks
<http://www.parks.wa.gov/>
- Council Website
<http://www.cpcbsa.org/>
- Tour Permits
<http://www.cpcbsa.org/leader-resources/tour-permits>
- Council Properties
<http://www.cpcbsa.org/camping>
- Leave No Trace
<http://www.bsajamboree.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/TeachingLeaveNoTrace.aspx>
- Oregonian Outdoors Section
<http://www.oregonlive.com/outdoors/>
- BSA High Adventure Bases
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/HighAdventure.aspx>
- Portland Hikers Field Guide
<http://www.portlandhikersfieldguide.org>

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- Every Trail
<http://www.everytrail.com>
- Trails NW
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- Washington Trails Association
<http://www.wta.org>