

**CCHC Outings trip**  
**Columbia River Gorge & Silver Falls State Park**  
**September 18 - 22, 2023**  
*Sign-ups May 26 - June 9, 2023*

The Columbia River Gorge is a spectacular river canyon, 80 miles long and up to 4,000 feet deep, that meanders past cliffs, spires and ridges set against nearby peaks of the Pacific Northwest's cascade mountain range.



The CCHC Outings Committee will take *sign-ups May 26 - June 9, 2023* for hiking trip to Columbia River Gorge & Silver River Falls State Park.

On Monday we hike Silver Falls State Park the crown jewel of the Oregon State Parks system taking you on trails through dense forested landscapes along winding creeks circumnavigating waterfalls over, around & behind to the forest floor. 6.5 miles on varied trails to 7 waterfalls.

We will be taking *moderate to strenuous hikes* on Beacon Rock State Park, 1.8 mile with 680' gain. switchbacks, spectacular views. Catherine Creek Trail North 2 miles /383' & South Trail 2 miles flat. A surprise stop - Schriener's Farm, Dallesport & Maryhill Museum.



Dry Creek Falls (see photo) a towering 74' waterfall is the reward at the end of the hike, which is 4.4 miles out & back in the heart of Columbia River Gorge with only a 725' elevation gain. Shaded most of the way perfect for hot summer days. Traverse a forest of Douglas firs, hemlocks, big-leafed maples, lava boulders, the Pacific Coast Trail and wooden bridge to yet another waterfall! Follow us to Wahclella Falls trail traversing Tanner Creek.

Trip leaders are Helen Wong Johe, Ed Osada, Lynne Vogensen, Mindy Svorny-Moore, Liz Howell, Suzy & Jon Mark & Jim Baranowski. Sign up with Lynne Vogensen by email ( preferred) at [mslynn33@yahoo.com](mailto:mslynn33@yahoo.com), and only text or call 925-899-4030, if email is not available. Sign up *only during the sign up window* of May 26 - June 9, 2023.

Any attempt to sign up outside of the signup window will not be valid.

Just a reminder that all CCHC members are invited to sign up for overnight trips. However, members who contribute to club activities will be given priority for selection. See (CCHC Outings Information, Qualifying Criteria of Outings at <https://contracostahills.org/membership.html>)