



# Waterfalls of the Columbia River Gorge

Miles from Vista House	FALLS	HEIGHT	CREEK	TRAIL
2.5*	Latourell	249'	Latourell	State Park Loop
3.5*	Shepperd's Dell	40' – 60'	Young's Creek	Shepperd's Dell
4.5*	Bridal Veil	130'	Bridal Veil	State Park Loop
5*	Coopey	150' – 175'	Coopey	Angel's Rest
7.5*	Mist	117'	Mist Creek	Angel's Rest/Wahkeena
8*	Wahkeena	242'	Wahkeena	Wahkeena
8	Fairy (5 miles up trail)	20' – 30'	Wahkeena	Wahkeena
8.5*	Multnomah	620'	Multnomah	Larch Mountain
10.5	Oneonta	208' (221'?)	Oneonta	Oneonta Creek
10.5	Triple Falls	80' – 100'	Oneonta	Oneonta Gorge
11*	Horsetail	176'	Horsetail	Gorge
11	Pony Tail (walk behind)	100' – 125'	Horsetail	Gorge
13.5	Elowah	289'	McCord	Gorge 400
Exit 40	Wahclella	125'	Tanner	Tanner Creek
Exit 41	Metlako	108'	Eagle	Eagle Creek
Exit 41	Punch Bowl	10' – 15'	Eagle	Eagle Creek
Exit 41	Loo Wit - 1 mi beyond Punch Bowl Tunnel (3 mi beyond Loo Wit – walk behind)		Eagle	Eagle Creek
Exit 41	Necktie	30' – 50'	Eagle	Eagle Creek
Exit 41	No Name	-	Eagle	Eagle Creek
Exit 44	Teakettle	-	Teakettle	Gorge
Exit 56	Lindsey Creek	104'	Lindsey	Lindsey Creek
Exit 56*	Lancaster	200' – 250'	Wonder	Defiance
Exit 56*	Hole-In-The-Wall	175' – 200'	Cabin	Defiance
Exit 56*	Starvation	186'	Starvation	Defiance
Exit 62	Wah Gwin Gwin	207'	Phelps	Columbia Gorge Hotel



\* Indicates falls can be seen from I-84 and/or the Historical Columbia River Highway.

## Waterfall Forms\*

The Columbia River Gorge is famous for its falls – 77 on the Oregon side alone! Waterfall watchers classify them into eight forms. Each form pictured and described below is the one most representative of the falls. It is not uncommon for falls to possess elements of more than one form.

**Plunge.** Drops vertically and away from the Cliffside, losing contact with bedrock. (Multnomah Falls, Latourell Falls)

**Horsetail.** Looks just like a horsetail. Dropping vertically, it maintains contact with bedrock. (Oneonta Falls, Horsetail Falls)

**Fan.** Descends from a stream above and is similar to a horsetail but it gets broader or “fans out” at the bottom. See fan-shaped falls by hiking the Wahkeena Trail #420 a little over a mile from the trailhead to Fairy Falls.

**Punchbowl.** Pours out of a narrow opening in the stream and into a pool. Punchbowl Falls, a 2.1 mile hike on the Eagle Creek Trail, features a viewpoint and bench, perfect for a rest stop.

**Block.** Pours over a wide section of a stream. Dutchman Falls along upper Multnomah Creek is a block shape and can be seen at the 1.7 mile point on Larch Mountain Trail #441. The trail starts at the east side of Multnomah Falls Lodge.

**Tiered.** Falls, then falls, then falls again. It has several “tiers” – separate falls that can all be viewed all at once. (Wahkeena Falls, Bridal Veil Falls)

**Segmented.** Separate into several parts. (Triple Falls on Oneonta Trail #424, Upper McCord Creek Falls on the Elowah Falls Trail out of John B. Yeon State Park).

**Cascade.** Tumbles along a series of rock steps. (Dutchman Falls, 1.9 miles from the trailhead to Upper Multnomah Falls, near the junction with Wahkeena Trail #420)