OUR VISION

Gorge Towns to Trails is an initiative to create a destination trekking network encircling the Columbia Gorge, connecting communities, rural areas, and wilderness trails. Included in that vision is the creation of new trails beyond heavily impacted visitor areas and a car-free transportation system to Gorge trailheads.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Mount Ulka Trail and Overlook

In 2013, Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust purchased 167 acres of land plus two-thirds mile of trail easement on Seven Mile Hill, just west of the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum. In 2015, the U.S. Forest Service purchased 119 acres from Friends, leaving 48 acres that remain in the ownership of Friends’ land trust.

Friends is working with the City of The Dalles, Wasco County, and other local stakeholders to create a new trail connection on the Mount Ulka property that will connect to the Discovery Center and The Dalles Riverfront Trail.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE

- Analemma Wines
- Cathedral Ridge Winery
- Chinook Trail Association
- City of Hood River, OR
- City of Mosier, OR
- City of The Dalles, OR
- Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum
- Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance
- Columbia Gorge Winegrowers Association
- Confluence
- Gorge Owned
- Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee
- Hood River Area Trail Stewards
- Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District
- Mazamas
- National Park Service
- Northwest Youth Corps
- Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
- Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)
- The Dalles Kiwanis Club
- The Dalles Lions Club
- Trailkeepers of Oregon
- Travel Oregon
- U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
- Wasco County, OR

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Mosier Plateau
Hood River
Underwood
Discovery Center
White Salmon
Lyle Cherry Orchard

Gorge Towns to Trails

A LOOK AHEAD
When completed, the Hood River to The Dalles trail connection in the Gorge could look similar to this illustration. Existing projects that will play a key role in the Gorge Towns to Trails network include:

1. Hood River Multimodal Bridge Project: A vision to create a path for pedestrians and non-motorized bike traffic crossing between Hood River, Oregon, and Bingen and White Salmon, Washington.
2. The "Mosier Mile": Local landowners and businesses are working to establish a trail connection through a one-mile gap between the Mosier Plateau and the city of The Dalles.
3. Mount Ulla Overlook & Trail: A project to connect a trail from the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum to a Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust preserve on Seven Mile Hill.
4. The Dalles Riverfront Trail: Ten miles of paved, multiuse trail leading from The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum to The Dalles city center.