OUR VISION

Gorge Towns to Trails is an initiative to create a destination hiking 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

Bridge of the Gods Multimodal Bridge Project

Friends of the Columbia Gorge has partnered with the Port of Cascade Locks, Pacific Crest Trail Association, and the City of Stevenson to build a pedestrian, equestrian, and bicycle path on the Bridge of the Gods. This critical infrastructure improvement would not only provide safe access for future pedestrians and bicyclists, but could create a key link with other Gorge trails, such as the recently completed Trail of the Gods in Skamania County. Partners continue to work together to secure necessary funding for this project.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE

Beacon Rock State Park
Bonneville Trails Foundation
Cape Horn Conservancy
Chinook Trail Association
City of North Bonneville
City of Stevenson
City of Washougal
Columbia Gorge National Wildlife Refuge
Pacific Crest Trail Association
Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA)
Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR)
Skamania County Chamber of Commerce
Stevenson Business Association
The Port of Camas-Washougal
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
Washington Trails Association

Thank you

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This 34-mile segment will connect parks, refuges, and trails as well as the communities of Washougal, North Bonneville, Stevenson, and Cascade Locks. More info at gotowestonstrails.org.
A LOOK AHEAD

When completed, the Washougal to Stevenson & Cascade Locks 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. Washougal Gap: Supporters and partners in Washougal are working together to find alternatives for mending the quarter-mile gap and needed railroad crossing east of Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

2. North Bonneville Connection: Friends of the Columbia Gorge and Bonneville Trails Foundation are working to connect a trail from the North Bonneville city center to the existing trail systems to the north.

3. Bridge of the Gods Multimodal Bridge Project: An effort by Port of Cascade Locks, City of Stevenson, Pacific Crest Trail Association, and Friends of the Columbia Gorge to expand the existing bridge to create a path for pedestrian, equestrian, and non-motorized bike traffic.