

## Explore Oaks of the East Cascades



Weldon Wagon trail is part of the White Salmon Oak NRCA, established for the protection of Oregon white oak. With stunning views of the White Salmon valley and wildflowers dotting the way, this historic hike along a wagon road from the early 1900's is a wondrous journey through Oregon white oak woodlands. Dogs are allowed in the White Salmon Oak NRCA.

Type: Out and Back

Distance: 5 miles round trip

Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: From Husum, WA turn off HWY 141 onto Indian Creek Rd, left on Indian Cemetery Rd for 0.3 miles to a 4×4 road until the sign for the trail.

This Rail Trail follows an old railroad grade through the spectacular Klickitat Canyon along the Klickitat River. You'll see beautiful Oregon white oak habitat brimming with wildlife. Keep an eye out for eagles!

Type: Linear Trail

Distance: 31 miles (multiple access points for shorter hikes)

Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: From Bingen/White Salmon, WA travel east on Washington State Highway 14 approximately 10 miles. Take the first left after crossing the Wild and Scenic Klickitat River to State Rout 142. Take the first left into the trailhead parking area.

The Tom McCall Point trail tours the scenic Tom McCall Preserve, It is a beautiful example of oak savannah grassland that was once common in the Columbia Gorge. Hikers will enjoy the wildflowers, Oregon white oak, and views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. Currently, this trail does not allow dogs.

Type: Out and Back

Distance: 4 miles round trip

Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Take HWY 84 east to exit 69 OR-30, Continue on HWY 30 until you reach the parking circle at Rowena Crest Trailhead/ Viewpoint. sign marking the Weldon Wagon Trail

For Oregon white oak conservation info: www.columbialandtrust.org/ECOP





## **How Can I Help?**

## There are many ways YOU can support Oregon white oak conservation!

**Get outside and learn** about the plants and animals who share oak country with you. Oregon white oaks are a keystone species, supporting hundreds of others from wildflowers to wildlife.

While you are recreating remember to clean the grass and weed seeds off your boots and clothing between visits. We encourage you to honor closures to protect sensitive resources, and learn about local management before protesting recreation closures.

**Spread the word:** Connecting friends and family to the East Cascades Oak Partnership is a great way to share the values of oak systems and encourage their protection.

Share your knowledge and value of these incredible ecosystems. Share your own stories about oak country on social media and in outreach materials. Participate in public comment and planning opportunities that affect oaks.

Lend a hand: Participate in volunteer activities with ECOP partners like Columbia Land Trust's annual western gray squirrel survey, or planting opportunities with local groups engaging in restoration activities.

Consider native plants for your own property. You can help pollinators, migratory birds, and other native species thrive by including native grasses and plants as part of your landscaping design.

## Who we are:

The East Cascades Oak Partnership (ECOP) is a group of people who know and love the Columbia River Gorge and the East Cascades as a place with thriving wildlife, a vibrant economy, and incredible beauty. Stewarded by Columbia Land Trust, we are a collaborative of over 30 groups (nonprofits, state and federal agencies, tribes, and businesses) working together to leverage resources, share knowledge, and implement conservation strategies that will help protect vulnerable oak habitats— encouraging more sustainable human interactions with these important resources and improving outcomes for people, oaks and wildlife.



