

# Beacon Rock State Park

is located in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area with historic significance dating back hundreds of years. Beacon Rock is the core of an ancient volcano. The mile-long trail to its summit provides outstanding panoramic views of the Columbia River Gorge.

Visitors may explore more than 20 miles of hiking trails, including a one-mile interpretive trail at the Doetsch day-use area. The trail is accessible to people with disabilities.

The 5,100-acre camping park also offers a variety of recreational activities that include boating, rock climbing, horseback riding and fishing. Additionally, there are interpretive signs about the Ice Age floods along the Beacon Rock Trail.

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- Annual pass: \$30 • One-day pass: \$10 (transaction and dealer fees may apply)

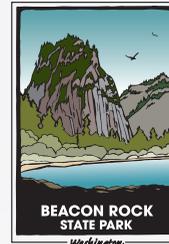
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## Things to remember

- **Park hours** – April 1 to Oct. 31, 8 a.m. to dusk.
- **Winter schedule** – Nov. 1 to March 31, 8 a.m. to dusk for day use only. Although most parks are open year round, some parks or portions of parks are closed during the winter. For a winter schedule and information about seasonal closures, visit [www.parks.state.wa.us](http://www.parks.state.wa.us) or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
- Wildlife, plants and all park buildings, signs, tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited. Hunting, feeding of wildlife and gathering firewood on state park property is prohibited.
- One camping party is allowed per site. Maximum of eight people per campsite.
- Campsites may not be held for other parties.
- Camping check-in time is 2:30 p.m., and check-out time is 1 p.m.
- Extra vehicle overnight - \$10 per night in designated area for each vehicle in excess of the one allowed per site. Does not apply to vehicle towed by a recreational vehicle.
- Pets must be on leash and under physical control at all times. This includes trail areas and campsites. Pet owners must clean up after pets on all state park lands.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Engine-driven electric generators may be operated only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.



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**State Parks information:**  
(360) 902-8844

**Reservations:** Online at [www.parks.state.wa.us](http://www.parks.state.wa.us) or call (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688

**Other state parks located in the general area:**

Battle Ground Lake, Columbia Hills and Paradise Point



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Donations are a significant part of the State Parks budget and are needed to keep your parks open and operating. For more information, visit [www.parks.state.wa.us/donations](http://www.parks.state.wa.us/donations)

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### Overnight accommodations

The park offers 26 standard campsites in the main campground and two standard campsites located near the moorage area and 2 primitive sites at the equestrian trailhead. The main camp area is an older camp in a forested setting suited more for tents than RVs. There 5 sites that accommodate RVs more than 20 feet long, with maximum site length of 40 feet. All campsites are first come, first served.

There also is a reservable group camp that accommodates up to 200 guests, with a minimum of 30. It features two Adirondack (three-sided) sleeping shelters that each sleeps eight people, one kitchen shelter with power, one picnic shelter and two vault toilets. Showers are available in the main campground and moorage area. Reservations for the group camp can be made online or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

### Park history

Beacon Rock, the core of a young volcano that erupted around 57,000 years ago, had a traditional cone shape until raging Ice-Age floodwaters scoured away at its flanks. Native Americans knew that it marked the last of the rapids on the Columbia River and the beginning of tidal influence from the Pacific Ocean, 150 miles away.

Lewis and Clark camped at Beacon

Rock in November 1805 on their journey to the Pacific and also on their return trip in 1806. They noted the rock in their journal and gave it its present name.

Henry J. Biddle, a prominent botanist, geologist and engineer, purchased the rock and built a trail to the top between 1916 and 1918, an engineering marvel at the time. In 1935 his heirs deeded the rock to the state for use as a park.

The Civilian Conservation Corps established a camp at Beacon Rock in 1935 and developed the park's facilities. Several of the CCC structures were constructed using advanced stone masonry and woodworking techniques. Most of their work still stands today.

### Park amenities and facilities

Beacon Rock State Park offers several amenities and facilities to make your visit more enjoyable and comfortable, including:

- Two group day-use kitchen shelters that accommodates up to 100 guests. Reservable online or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.
- 53 picnic tables and a covered kitchen shelter, available first come, first served.
- Modern restrooms with hot showers.
- Boat launch and 916 feet of moorage dock with a marine pump out station.
- 5 miles of pedestrian trails and 5 miles of equestrian trails.

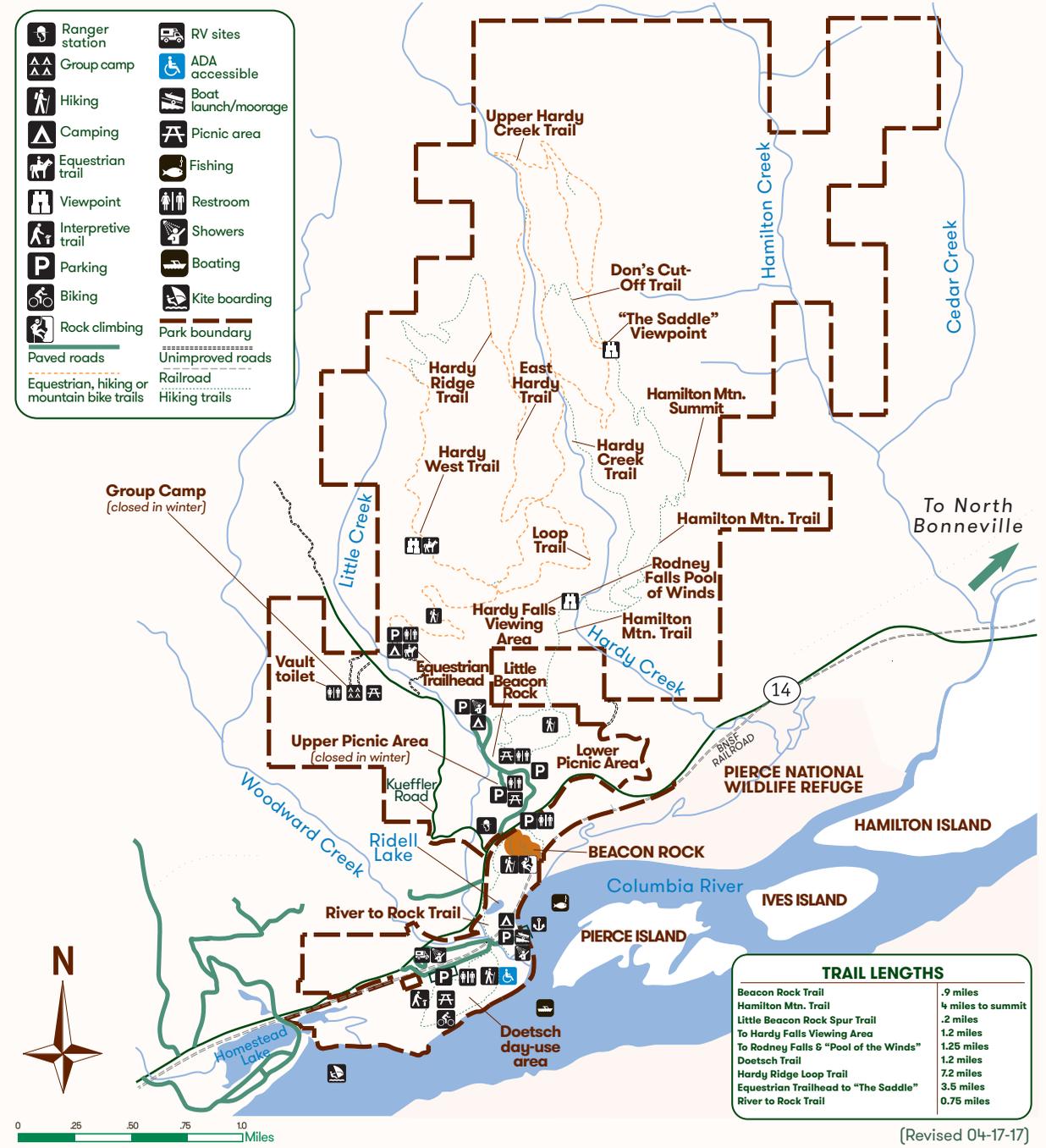
- Technical rock climbing: The south and southeast faces of Beacon Rock close annually on Feb. 1 and tentatively reopen mid-July. The northwest corner is open for climbing year round. The east face is closed for the protection of rare species, cultural and historical resources.

For more information, call the park at (509) 427-8265.



# WELCOME TO BEACON ROCK!

Ranger station	RV sites
Group camp	ADA accessible
Hiking	Boat launch/moorage
Camping	Picnic area
Equestrian trail	Fishing
Viewpoint	Restroom
Interpretive trail	Showers
Parking	Boating
Biking	Kite boarding
Rock climbing	Park boundary
Paved roads	Unimproved roads
Equestrian, hiking or mountain bike trails	Railroad
	Hiking trails



TRAIL LENGTHS	
Beacon Rock Trail	.9 miles
Hamilton Mtn. Trail	4 miles to summit
Little Beacon Rock Spur Trail	.2 miles
To Hardy Falls Viewing Area	1.2 miles
To Rodney Falls & "Pool of the Winds"	1.25 miles
Doetsch Trail	1.2 miles
Hardy Ridge Loop Trail	7.2 miles
Equestrian Trailhead to "The Saddle"	3.5 miles
River to Rock Trail	0.75 miles

