

Resources available for help in your hike planning:

- **Trail Information - Helpful Books and Websites**

- Hiking books from your local library (around Dewey Decimal 796.5).
- Books by William Sullivan by area (Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington; Central Oregon Cascades; Oregon Coast and Coast Range). An often quoted and recommended resource. [See Sullivan's website](#).
- Books by [Laura O. Foster](#) on the Portland Metropolitan area.
- [Oregon Hikers](#) is an online community dedicated to hiking and exploring the outdoors in Oregon and Southwest Washington. With more than 7,000 registered members, you'll find new trip reports posted in discussion forums daily. You can also explore the ever-growing Oregon Hikers [Field Guide](#), with hundreds of trail descriptions, photos and maps to help you plan your adventures. The field guide is written by forum members and provided for the larger hiking community as a free service.
- [William Sullivan's website](#) has online descriptions and photos of many Oregon trails.
- [Washington Trails Association \(WTA\)](#) has good descriptions of many hikes in Washington state.
- [Northwest Hiker](#) is another free website. Along with trail information and photos, this site includes current weather information, an excellent webcam selection, and links to forest service websites.

- **Columbia Gorge Trail Closures and Updates**

- [Gorge Friends](#) gives up-to-date information on the status of trails closed by fire damage.

- **Park and Forest Service Websites (parking pass requirements, road closures, fire situations)**

- [USDA Forest Service](#) has information on where NWFS or Interagency Senior parking passes are required.
- [Friends of the Gorge](#) offers information on where parking permits are required in the Columbia Gorge.
- [Barlow Ranger District](#) 541-467-2291
- [Clackamas River Ranger District](#) 971-333-4100
- [Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area](#) 541-308-1700
- [Gifford Pinchot National](#) 509-395-3400

- [Hood River Ranger District](#) 541-352-6002
- [Mount Hood National Forest](#) 503-668-1700
- [Oregon State Parks](#) 800-551-6949
- [Washington State Parks](#) 360-902-8844
- [Zigzag Ranger District](#) 503-622-3191

- **Sheriff Departments (in case of emergency)**

- State of Oregon**

- Clackamas County 503-655-8211
  - Marion County 503-588-5094
  - Multnomah County 503-823-3333
  - Washington County 503-629-0111

- State of Washington**

- Clark County 360-397-2211
  - Cowlitz County 360-577-3092
  - Klickitat County 360-773-4455
  - Skamania County 360-427-9490

- **Maps**

- Maps can be obtained from forest service centers, REI and online.
- [Map Showing 2nd Meeting Locations](#) Click on a location pointer to get the address and standard meeting time. Use to determine which of our standard 2nd Meeting Locations best fits your chosen driving route.
- See our own spreadsheet [Mileage to Trailheads](#) for mileages to your chosen trailhead. If your trailhead is not listed here, there are online map tools that can be used to calculate driving mileage to your trailhead. Using Google Maps for instance, enter the trailhead location in the search box at the upper left corner of your screen in one of several possible ways:
  - By name - sometimes works for common locations ("Top Spur," "Dog Mountain")
  - By address - ("31195 SW Ladd Hill Rd, Sherwood, OR" for Magness Tree Farm)
  - By GPS coordinates - Coordinates for many trailheads can be found on [OregonHikers.org](#). Use the format: latitude, longitude.
  - Click the trailhead location on Google maps (enlarge map and trace known roads), right click and choose "Directions to here." The spot you click must be on

a road visible on the map.

Click the directions icon and enter our 1st meeting location in the “your location” line. For directions from WP, enter “Westlake Park” or “14165 Bunick Dr, Lake Oswego.” A recommended route in blue, and alternate routes in gray will be shown, giving driving distance (one-way) and expected travel time.

- [Google Maps](#)
- [Map Quest](#)

- **Hike History Pages**

- Check out [hike stats](#) (including area, leader, distance & elevation gain, drive mileage, number of participants, etc.) on your chosen trail from when our group has done it previously. Search for a specific hike, or choose a listing by either date or hike name. Note that this may have been a different segment or route than the one you are proposing. Or a previous leader may have estimated distances and elevation. We now have more accurate online mapping tools.