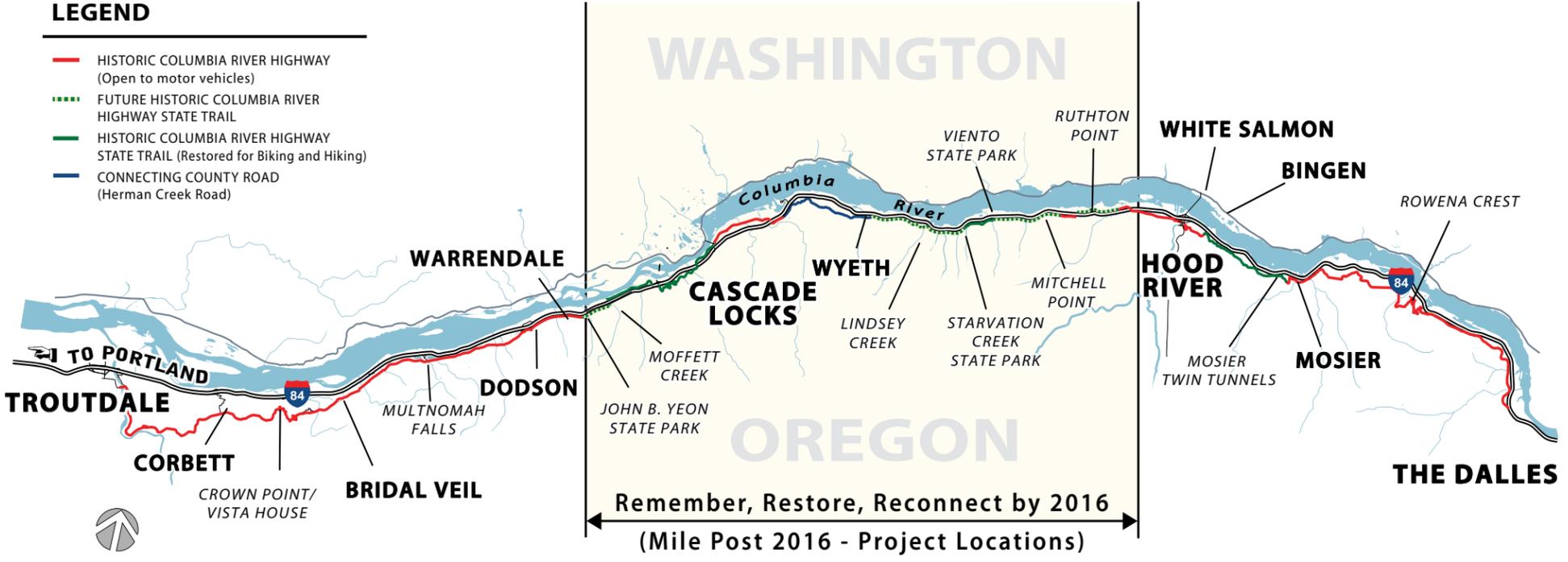


Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail – Vicinity Map

LEGEND

- HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY (Open to motor vehicles)
- - - FUTURE HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY STATE TRAIL
- HISTORIC COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY STATE TRAIL (Restored for Biking and Hiking)
- CONNECTING COUNTY ROAD (Herman Creek Road)



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PROGRESS REPORT 2012

The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail Plan – Progress 2012

REMEMBER

The Historic Columbia River Highway is one of the most significant historic roads in the nation. Constructed between 1913 and 1922 as America's first scenic highway, the Historic Highway served thousands of travelers and took full advantage of the Columbia River Gorge's natural beauty, to become known as the "King of Roads". The Highway is noted for its attention to design details resulting in an iconic style and innovative construction techniques such as rock walls, bridges, and retaining walls.



RESTORE

By the early 1950s, the initial construction of a water-level route that would become Interstate 84 obliterated many sections of the Highway, leaving what remained as abandoned and disconnected. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act of 1986 directed the State of Oregon to connect these abandoned highway sections as a pedestrian and bike trail.

Today, 62 of the original 73 miles of the Historic Highway are now open to travel either by motor vehicle (Historic Highway or connecting county roads) or by foot and bicycle (State Trail). The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail Plan, completed in 2010, was a joint planning effort undertaken by the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, US Forest Service and Hood River County to provide a clear plan to reconnect the remaining 11 miles of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. This plan contains detail designs and refined cost estimates.

At left: Mitchell Point Tunnel "The Tunnel of many Vistas," c. 1920s

At right: Historic Moffett Creek Bridge

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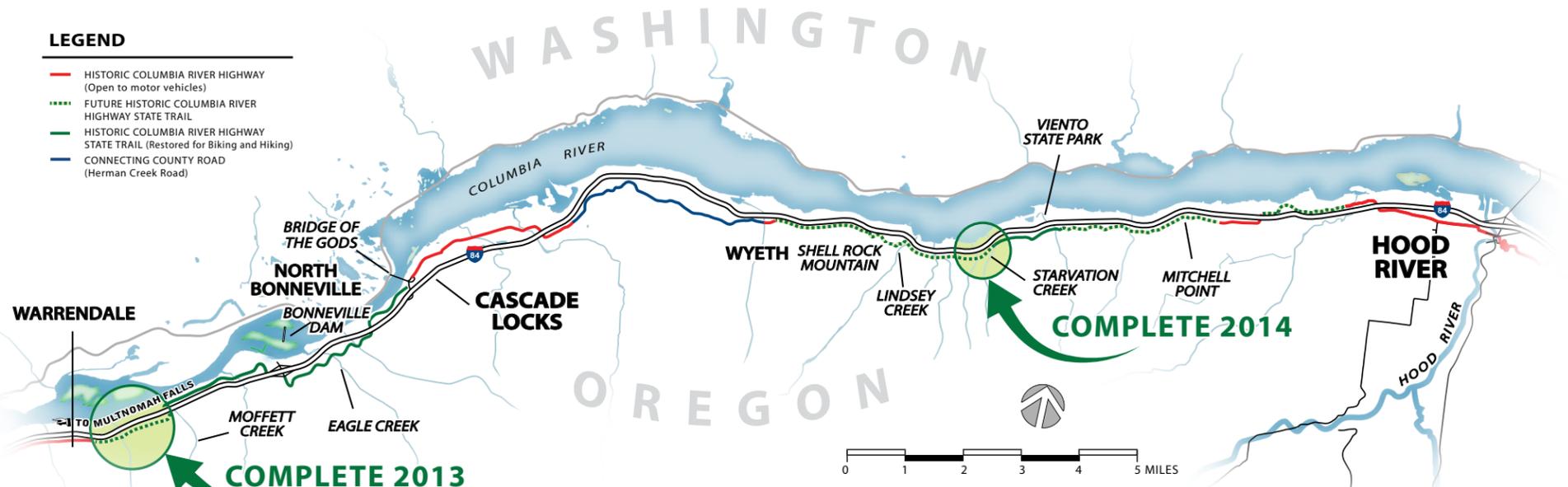
Upon completion of the projects outlined in the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail Plan, Oregonians and visitors from around the world will have access to many of Oregon's underdeveloped State Parks, undiscovered waterfalls, and majestic views of the Columbia River. Visitors will be able to discover first hand the fascinating history of the Gorge and its famed Columbia River Highway. The completion of the remaining trail segments will create a "King of Trails" allowing pedestrians and cyclists to experience the Gorge between Troutdale and The Dalles without ever having to share the shoulder of I-84 with cars and trucks.



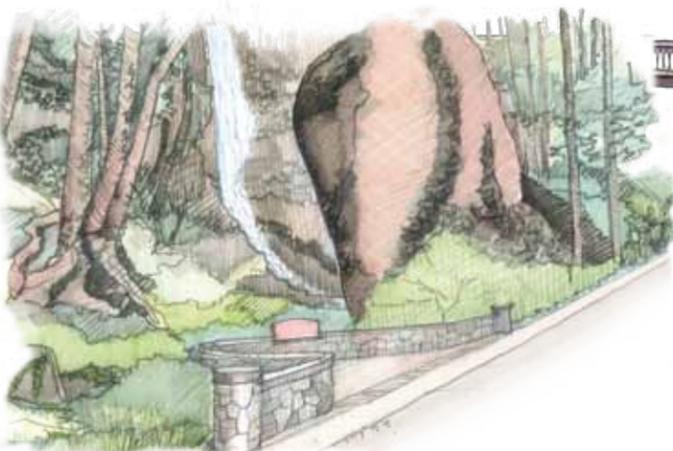
Critical State Trail Connection – Opens in 2013

A major gap on the Historic Highway State Trail system will close next summer. Hikers and bikers travelling between Troutdale and Cascade Locks will no longer be forced on to the shoulder of I-84 to access the Gorge. This 1.6 mile trail segment is located between the John B. Yeon Trailhead in Warrendale and links to the beautiful, historic Moffett Creek Bridge along the existing already complete Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. A new pedestrian and bike only bridge will cross McCord Creek. The bridge design was inspired by the awe inspiring bridges along the Historic Highway. Once this trail segment is complete you will be able to park in Cascade Locks.

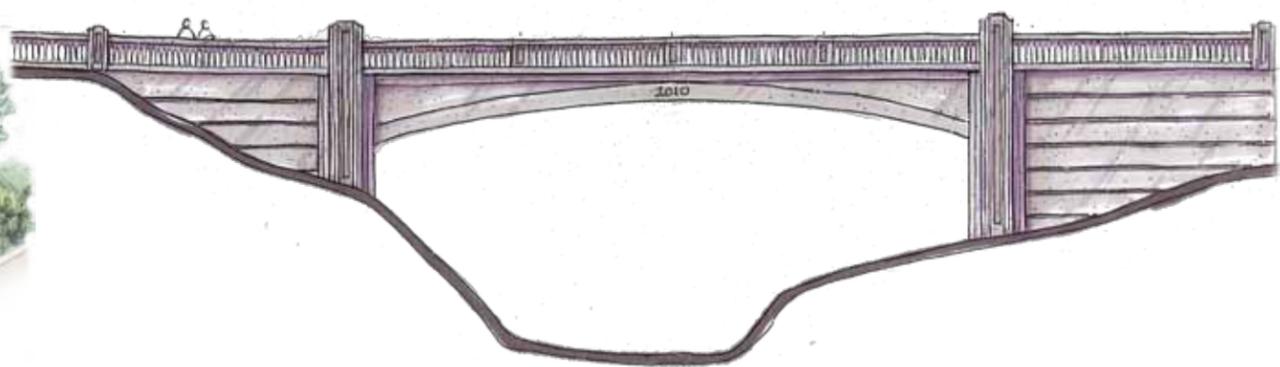
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Proposed Cabin Creek Falls overlook



McCord Creek

Proposed trail bridge over McCord Creek inspired by the beautiful bridges on the Historic Highway.

Milepost 2016 – Getting Ready

Trail Connection Improves Access to Waterfalls

In 2014 the Historic Highway State Trail will extend 1 mile west from the Starvation Creek Trailhead towards Warren Creek. This trail connection not only follows the original alignment of the Historic Columbia River Highway but provides access to three stunning waterfalls (Cabin Creek, Hole-in-the-Wall, and Wonder Creek). This project will be complete in 2014 moving us one step closer to our ultimate vision.

Environmental Strategy Funded

Thanks to grant from the Federal Transit Administration Transit in Parks program the US Forest Service, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area will undertake a planning effort to help this 10 mile trail project navigate through the complicated environmental permitting maze. This funding provides us with a giant step forward that will bring the project one important step closer to implementation.

Engineering Funding Sought

If successful, a request for Public Lands Highway Discretionary Program will fund the engineering necessary for a trail connection between Warren Creek and Lindsey Creek State Park – extending the existing State Trail between Viento State Park and Starvation Creek Trailhead. Lindsey Creek State Park is a beautiful undeveloped State Park that includes a ¾ mile section of the abandoned highway complete with thick carpet of moss and fantastic yet overgrown views to the Gorge.