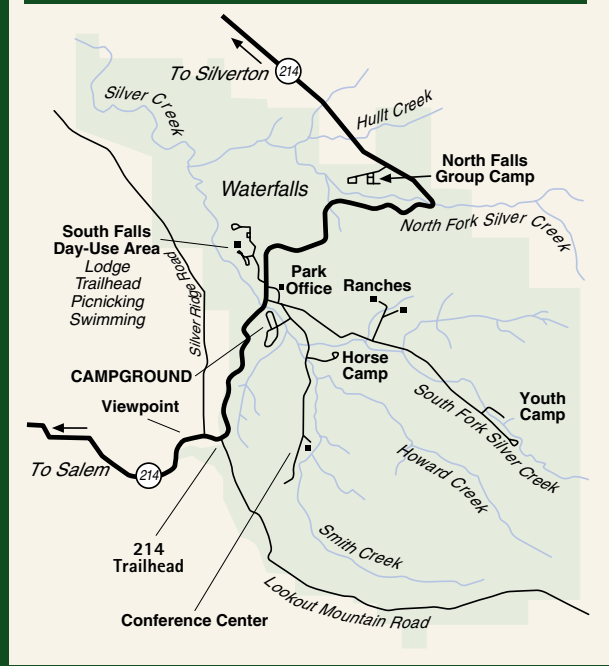
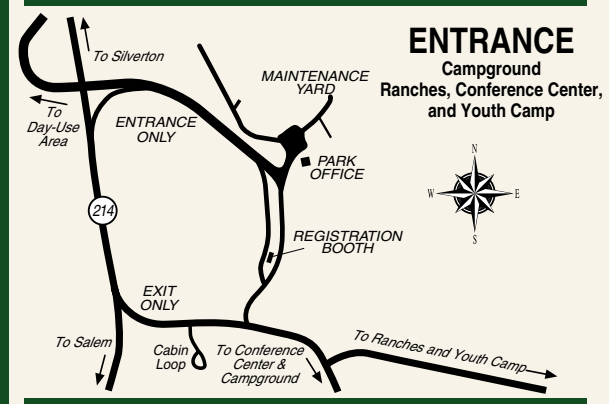
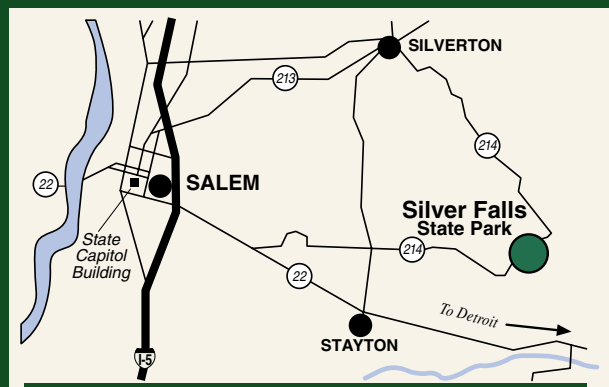




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Trail Guide



Welcome to Silver Falls

Silver Falls offers more than 9,000 acres of spectacular scenery. The park's most famous feature, The Trail of Ten Falls, thrills hikers and photographers. The eight-mile hiking trail passes by and under some of the stunning waterfalls of the north and south forks of Silver Creek.

Take a stroll on the paved four-mile bike path, or ride your horse, hike or mountain bike on more than 25 miles of multi-use trails. Park trails wind through Douglas-fir and western hemlock flanked by Oregon grape, salal and swordfern. Pacific blacktail deer thrive in the lush, temperate rainforest. Black bear, coyotes and mountain lions (cougars) live in remote park areas.

The spacious lawns and picnic shelters at the South Falls day-use area are perfect for relaxing. Or, enjoy a swim in Silver Creek along a developed (but unsupervised) swimming area.




Historic South Falls Lodge

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), built the South Falls Lodge in the 1930s. Once used as a restaurant, diners ate on tables and chairs built from only two myrtle trees. The tables inside the lodge today are among the originals. The lodge and 10 surrounding acres are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Geology of the Falls

The falls tumble over thick basalt lava flows resting on softer, older rock. The softer layers beneath the basalt eroded over time and created natural pathways behind some of the falls. Look up and see if you can spot the many tree "chimneys," or casts while you walk behind North Falls. These formed when lava engulfed living trees, causing the wood to disintegrate.


Day-Use Fees

Day-use permits are required year-round. Purchase daily permits at the entrance booth, or from the yellow vending machines (summer) or fee tubes (winter) found at the South Falls day-use area and the North Falls trailhead. Annual and two-year day-use passes also are available. Look for the  symbol on the park map in this guide for fee collection stations located throughout the park. Your camping receipt also functions as a daily permit; valid during the length of your stay only.




1 SOUTH FALLS
177 ft.

This 177-foot waterfall can be seen from several points along the canyon rim. Walk behind the falls and experience its mystical beauty. A loop trail leads to a footbridge.



2 LOWER SOUTH FALLS
93 ft.

About one mile down the trail is Lower South Falls. The trail drops down 185 steps and continues behind a 93-foot curtain of rushing water.



3 LOWER NORTH FALLS
30 ft.

Take a 1³/₁₀ mile hike from Lower South Falls to Lower North Falls, which forms a 30-foot drop in the north fork of Silver Creek.



4 DOUBLE FALLS
178 ft.

A short trail near the foot-bridge over Hullt Creek leads to Double Falls. Although a double drop, at 178 feet, this is the largest in the park.



5 DRAKE FALLS
27 ft.

Drake Falls, at 27 feet, is the smallest of the Silver Creek Canyon falls. It is named for Silverton photographer June Drake, whose photos of the falls brought prominence to the area.



6 MIDDLE NORTH FALLS
106 ft.

Middle North Falls is a wall of water dropping 106 feet. A short, separate trail leads you behind this waterfall.



7 WINTER FALLS
134 ft.

One of the return trails to South Falls passes Winter Falls. This 134-foot waterfall relies on winter runoff and is at its best in winter, spring and early summer.



8 TWIN FALLS
31 ft.

Continuing on the main trail, you come to Twin Falls, formed by waters tumbling 31 feet over protruding rocks and splitting into two cascades.




9 NORTH FALLS
136 ft.

The next mile has many spectacular views of North Falls, 136 feet of thunderous beauty. The trail drops down 77 steps and goes beneath the creek and behind the waterfall through a cavernous cutout of rock.



10 UPPER NORTH FALLS
65 ft.

Before returning, remember to take a short trek under the highway bridge to Upper North Falls. This 65-foot cascade plunges into a quiet pool. Perhaps the most overlooked falls on the trail, it is a cool and pleasant place to end an adventurous day.



Silver Falls State Park

Bike Path

Silver Falls State Park features a four-mile paved bike path. Beginning at the overnight campground, the path follows the south fork of Silver Creek past the swimming area and crosses a bridge into the day use area south of the South Falls Lodge. The path continues through wooded areas and parallels the Rim Trail. The trail crosses Highway 214, forms a loop through a large meadow and returns along the same route. Please be careful when crossing the highway and be aware of other trail users. Bikes are prohibited inside the South Falls Historic area. Visitors can park their bikes in racks provided at one of 3 entrance plazas.

Horse, Hiking and Mountain Biking Trails

The park has more than 25 miles of multiple-use trails, where you can see a variety of plant and animal life, including the remnants of old growth forest. Please observe restricted use signs on trails and follow proper trail etiquette when you encounter other trail users.

Trail of Ten Falls

The “Trail of Ten Falls” is a designated National Recreation Trail. This trail includes the Canyon Trail, Rim Trail, Winter Trail and Maple Ridge Trail for a total of 8.7 miles. These trails offer spectacular views of 10 beautiful waterfalls.

Hiking With Your Pet

For the safety of hikers and pets, pets are not permitted on the Canyon, Maple Ridge and Winter trails. A pet exercise area in the South Falls day use area gives your pet the freedom to run without a leash. While in this area, please keep your pet under control by using voice command.

Bears and Mountain Lions

Many species of wildlife, including black bear and mountain lion, make Silver Falls their home. Both species roam throughout the park. Although sightings are rare, you should know what to do if confronted by a bear or lion. Please pick up an awareness pamphlet, available at the campground booth, South Falls Lodge and park office. Please report all sightings to a park ranger.



Trail Distances:

- Rim Trail (2.7 miles)
- Maple Ridge Trail (1 mile)
- Winter Trail (.5 mile)
- Howard Creek Loop (3 miles)
- Campground Trail (No horses or bikes)
- Buck Mountain Loop (6.2 miles)
- Smith Creek Trail (2.5 miles)
- Cut-Off Trail (.7 miles)
- 214 Trail (1.7 miles)
- Perimeter Trail (open seasonally) (5.9 miles)
- Rackett Ridge Trail (open seasonally) (2.2 miles)
- Lost Creek Trail (3 miles)

Trails

- Walkway / Sidewalk
- Trail - Paved / Hard Surface
- Bike Path
- Trail - Unpaved / Loose Surface

Roads & Parking

- Public Roads & Parking
- Maintenance & Emergency Access

Contours

- 100 foot intervals

Water Features

- Streams & Creeks

Park Boundary

- OPRD Ownership

LEGEND

- Fee Collection Station
- Restroom
- ADA Restroom
- Vault Toilet
- Food
- Picnic Area
- Viewpoint
- Trailhead
- Horse Trail
- Campground
- Cabins
- RV Dump Station
- No Horses
- No Dogs
- No Bikes



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

No swimming except in designated areas

Stay on the Trail

Shortcuts cause erosion and are harmful to plants and wildlife.

Do Not Litter

If you pack it in, please pack it out.

Take Pictures and Memories Only

Please do not pick or dig flowers, ferns, bushes or any other plants. It is also unlawful to harass or capture wild animals.

Leave Footprints Only

Please do not carve or write on signs, trees, rocks or any park structure.

Dogs Permitted on Leash Only

Pets are prohibited on the Canyon, Maple Ridge and Winter Trails. In all other park areas pets must be under control (maximum 6' leash) and wastes properly removed.

Keep an Eye on Children

Children could become lost or injured if unsupervised.

Campfires Prohibited

Due to the danger of forest fires, campfires are allowed in the designated areas only. These areas are enclosed by metal fire rings.

Restrooms

There are no toilet facilities available on any trails. Please use restrooms available next to parking areas or trailheads.

SILVER FALLS CONFERENCE CENTER

The Silver Falls Conference Center is operated under a service contract with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Call (866) 575-8875 for information on reservations, lodging, meeting halls and meals. Visit the website at www.silverfallsconference.com



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