



Beacon Rock State Park

Hadley Trailhead

Popular Hikes

Little Beacon Rock (ADA accessible)

.5 miles, out and back,
easy, 96' gain

Hadley Trail (ADA accessible)

1.18 miles, out and back,
easy, 138' gain

Rodney Falls, Hardy Falls, Pool of the Winds

2.92 miles, out and back,
moderate, 400' gain

Hamilton Mountain Summit

7.2 miles, out and back,
difficult, 1838' gain

Hamilton Mountain Summit Loop

via Equestrian and Hardy Creek Trail

8.27 miles, difficult, 1838' gain

Via Don's Cutoff, Upper Hardy and Hardy
Creek Trails

8.66 miles, difficult, 1838' gain

Trails open 8AM-Dusk

Foot traffic only

Backcountry camping prohibited

The Hadley Trailhead is in the main campground, next to campsite #10. The trail starts under power lines then transitions into a mature second growth fir canopy. Only a few steps up the trail, a plaque on a petrified stump designates a grouping of trees known as "Hadley Grove," honoring Clyde Hadley, the first superintendent of Beacon Rock State Park. Just past the grove, a spur to the right leads to **Little Beacon Rock**, or stay to the left and continue on the **Hadley Trail**. At .59 miles the Hadley Trail joins the Hamilton Mountain Trail under power lines. Both the Hadley and Hamilton Mountain Trails were built originally by the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in the late 1930's.

Enjoy views of Bonneville Dam and the surrounding area, either return to the trailhead or continue on the Hamilton Mountain Trail nearly another mile of moderate trail and arrive at **Rodney Falls, Hardy Falls and Pool of the Winds**.

For those seeking the **Hamilton Mountain summit**, cross the bridge in front of Rodney Falls and continue a quarter mile to the intersection with Hardy Creek Trail. At this point, there are two routes to the summit. Either stay right on the Hamilton Mountain Trail, which is the most direct and steep route reaching the summit in 1.7 miles, hiking through exposed cliff areas abound with wildflowers in spring and summer.

Or, turn left on Hardy Creek Trail to reach the summit more gradually. In 1.3 miles turn right on the multiuse Equestrian Trail reaching the The Saddle at 2,100' after a little over a mile. Rejoin the Hamilton Mountain Trail and hike .8 miles further to the summit at 2,438'. Enjoy expansive panoramic views of the Columbia River Gorge formed by the basalt flows and floods which swept the area over the past 15 million years, as well as surrounding Cascade peaks, Bonneville Dam, Beacon Rock, Table Mountain, and Hardy Ridge.

Looking down at Rodney Falls
from Pool of the Winds.

