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.

The Discover Pass is required for day visits to state parks and access to other state-managed recreation lands. The pass provides access to millions of acres of parks, wildlife areas, trails, natural areas and water-access sites. The annual pass is transferable between two vehicles.

- Annual pass: $30
- One-day pass: $10

The Discover Pass can be purchased online, by phone or in person. For details, visit www.discoverpass.wa.gov or call (866) 320-9933.

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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 or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
- **Wildlife**: 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.
- **Camping**: One camping party is allowed per site. Maximum of eight people per campsite. Campsites may not be held for other parties. Extra vehicle overnight - $10 per night in designated area. Extra vehicle check-in time is 2:30 p.m., and check-out time is 1 p.m. Engine-driven electric generators may be operated only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- **Quiet hours**: 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- **PETS**: 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. Does not apply to vehicle towed by a recreational vehicle.
- **Reservations**: Reservations are required for camping within the park. Check-in time is 1 p.m. Pet owners must clean up after pets on all state park lands.
- **Fires**: Campfires are not allowed.
- **Camping fees**: $32 per campsite per night.
- **Waste disposal**: All waste must be cleaned up at campsites. Pet owners must clean up after pets on all state park lands.
- **Information**: For more information, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call (360) 902-8844.

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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 accommodate 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.
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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 campground 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 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.

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