

# Crosstown & Through Town

Government Camp, Oregon

Event #117505 / Y0077

Rated 3C, 10 km

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## **BE WARY of mountain bikers on the trails.**

1. From the museum, **CAREFULLY CROSS** Government Camp Loop.
2. Enter the Oregon Trail Interpretive Kiosk to view historical information about the emigrants who traveled through here on the Barlow Road in the 1850s.
3. **LEFT** (facing toward kiosk) to E Little Trail. (The sign is at the beginning of the street.)
4. **RIGHT** to walk up E Little Trail to E Mucoy St. **A**
5. **LEFT** on E Mucoy St.
6. **CONTINUE STRAIGHT** to enter a pathway.
7. **UP** the path, going around the gate toward signpost 12, the intersection with Crosstown Trail #755. **B**
8. **RIGHT** onto the Crosstown Trail.
9. **CONTINUE** on the Crosstown Trail as it turns downhill toward the parking lot. The trail becomes a service road. **VEER RIGHT**. **C**
10. Before reaching the chain, take a small gravel path **RIGHT** to a driveway. (**1km**)
11. **LEFT** on the driveway, then **RIGHT** to pass in front of Chevron station on Government Camp Loop. (**Restrooms** in rest area at far left end of parking lot.)
12. **RIGHT** onto the second street (Mucoy St., unmarked) toward the Road Narrows sign.
13. **LEFT** onto E Steele Ln. **D**
14. **CONTINUE** on E Steele Ln to Government Camp Loop. **CROSS** Government Camp Loop toward the Edelweiss sign.
15. **LEFT** onto the first street just right of the Edelweiss sign, then an **IMMEDIATE RIGHT** onto a road that looks like a driveway. It soon becomes a woodchip trail.
16. **CONTINUE** on the woodchip trail, **CROSSING** over the small wooden bridge, **CROSSING** a road, and on to meet Multorpor Rd. (Large bridge over the highway to the left.)

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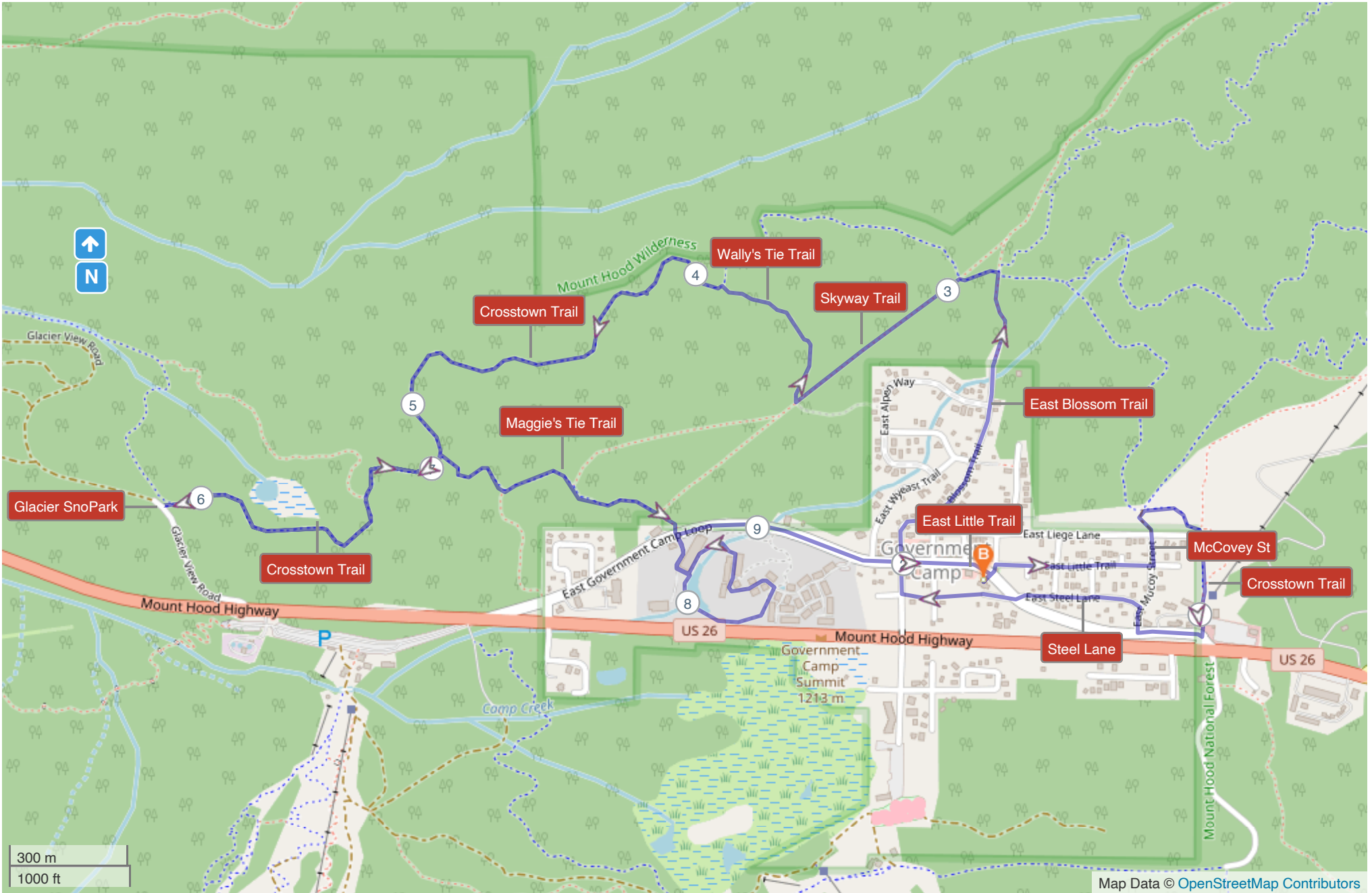
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17. RIGHT on Multorpor Rd to Government Camp Loop. **E**
18. CROSS Government Camp Loop to road between High Mountain Café and High Cascade (E Blossom Trail). **(2km) F**
19. FOLLOW Blossom Trail to the pavement end where it joins the Glade Trail #661. You might recognize Steiner cabins along this road.
20. TAKE the Glade Trail to a five-trail intersection. (The signpost for the Crosstown Trail is to the left.)
21. LEFT on the Crosstown Trail to the Skiway Trail #755B. **(3km)**
22. LEFT onto Skiway Trail #755B. **G**
23. In a little over 0.5km, the Skiway Trail levels out and becomes less rocky. Watch for signpost 7 high on the left indicating Wally's Tie Trail #755A. There is also a fallen log "outlining" the trail on the right.
24. RIGHT onto Wally's Tie Trail #755A.
25. LEFT on the Crosstown Trail #755. **(4km) H**
26. After wooden footbridge **(5km)**, VEER RIGHT to CONTINUE almost 1km on the Crosstown Trail to its end at Glacier View Snopark. **I**
27. TURN AROUND at Glacier View Sno Park **(6km)** and return on the Crosstown Trail to just before the wooden footbridge and the intersection with Maggie's Trail #753. **(7km)**
28. RIGHT on Maggie's Trail #753 until you reach Government Camp Loop.
29. CROSS Government Camp Loop to Collins Lake Resort Rd (unmarked) to enter the Grand Lodges.
30. FOLLOW Collins Lake Resort Rd to just past the first building.
31. LEFT to find the small path at the end of the asphalt (near basketball hoop) that VEERS RIGHT, through the trees, to meet with a gravel trail. **J**
32. RIGHT on the trail, around the lake and beyond, to "Y" intersection. **(8km)**
33. LEFT at the intersection, over a wooden bridge, to meet East Creek Ridge Rd. (Road name on building to the left.)
34. LEFT on East Creek Ridge Rd, continuing past last building, to find trail again between the yellow fire hydrant and the dog waste station.
35. KEEP LEFT on the trail to continue around the lake and return to where you entered the trail. (Watch for the basketball hoop.)
36. RIGHT to return to East Collins Lake Resort Rd.
37. RIGHT alongside Government Camp Loop toward downtown. (9km at fire station) **K**
38. ENJOY the variety of shopping and dining opportunities on your way back to the museum. **The museum itself is well worth a visit.**

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14. CONTINUE on Steele Ln to Government Camp Loop. CROSS Government Camp Loop.
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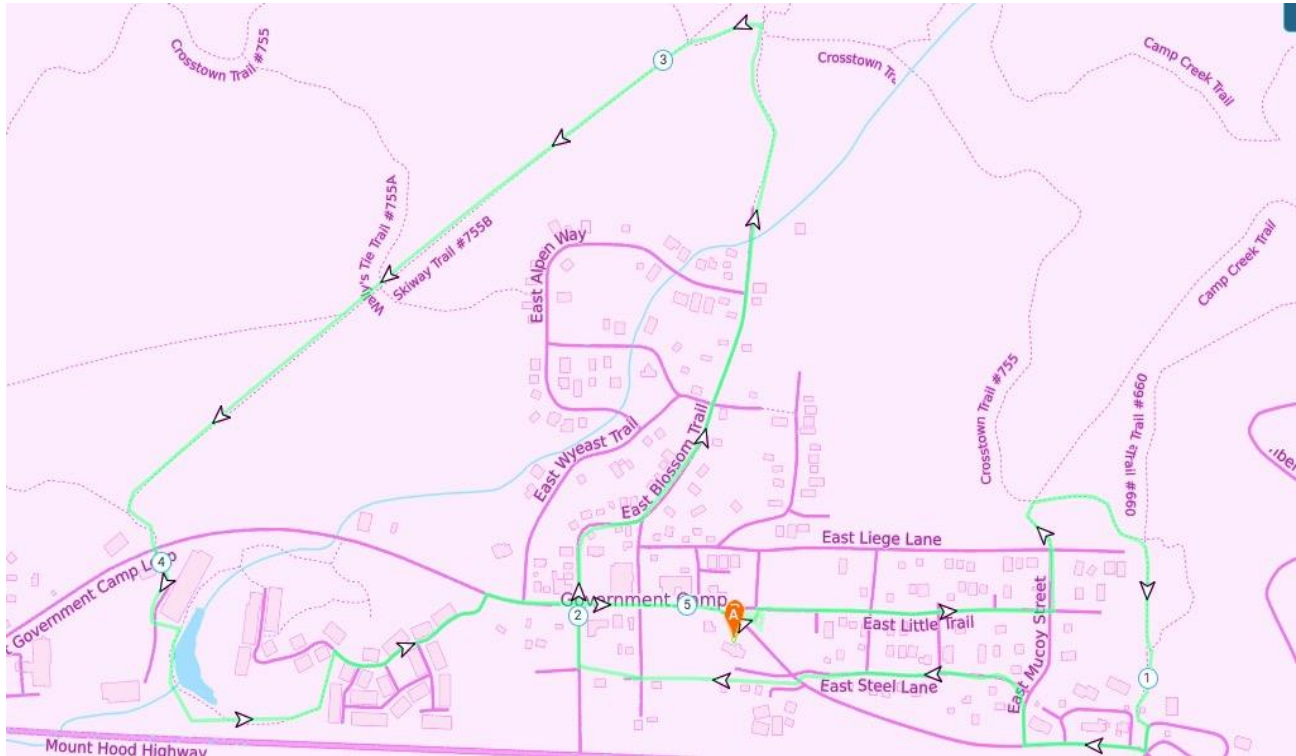
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## HISTORICAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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4. A On your left as you enter Mucoy Street is a red log cabin. This is a historic cabin built by Henry Steiner. Steiner and his family built over 100 log cabins during the 1930 – 40's. Most of his cabins are in the Mount Hood area. There are six in Government Camp.
7. B The forest in this area has been thinned to reduce the danger of a wildfire spreading from US Forest Service land onto the residential area of the village. Notice how the Huckleberries have flourished in response to less competition and more sunlight.
9. C This is Summit Ski Area. It opened in 1927 and is the oldest ski area on Mount Hood. The only amenities when it opened were a toboggan run, a ski and toboggan rental shack and an outdoor fireplace, and an open slope for skiing. Most important were the signs posted on the boundary of the land rented from the Forest Service. The signs were an attempt to prevent skiers from wandering out of the area and getting lost. The idea of a ski area resulted from a 1926 event where two skiers became lost near here, one of whom was never found.
13. D Many of the street names in Government Camp honor the earliest settlers. The three earliest land claims were made by O.C. Yocum, Wm. Steel and Frances Little. Previously you walked up Little Street and now you are on Steel street. Yocum is honored by the cross streets Yule, Olive, Church, Union and Montgomery, the first letters of which spell Yocum. The actual names seem out of place as there are no churches or unions in the village.
17. E Walkers that appreciate art and history should venture up the sidewalk onto the overpass. The blacksmith-crafted wrought iron panels depict local area history and wildlife. The artist is Darryl Nelson, who does wrought iron restoration at Timberline Lodge and teaches Blacksmithing at the Cascade Center for the Arts and crafts in Government Camp.
18. F Blossom Trail honors Judge Blossom who in 1888 pioneered a wagon road from Government Camp north up Mount Hood to the timberline just west of the present Timberline Lodge. There he built a small cabin where he spent his summers escaping the summer heat of Portland.
22. G The Skiway Trail follows the clearing for the Skiway tram that ran from Government Camp from 1950 – 1953. It used cable logging technology and city busses suspended on the cables to transport people to Timberline Lodge. It was a mechanical and financial failure. The base for this venture now houses the Thunderhead Condominiums.
25. H Watch for "Basket" trees along this stretch of trail and around Enid Lake. Basket trees are Western Red Cedar trees that have been partially stripped of bark to make huckleberry baskets. Removing a strip of bark about 12" wide from the base to about 8' in height did not kill the trees.

26. I Glacier View Sno Park utilizes an abandoned section of US 26 and takes its name from a proposed Forest Service campground nearby. The large campground was partially constructed during the 1960's Eisenhower administration but not completed when national priorities changed with the next president.

31. J Collins Lake is a man-made lake created in the wettest part of this large high mountain meadow. E.S. Collins of the Collins Pine Company, a large timber and lumber company, owned a large parcel of this wet meadow. He liked to escape the pressures of his Portland business office by spending his free time at this property. Here he conducted various horticultural experiments trying to grow plants in this unique environment. He drained a large portion of the wetland by digging this lake. He thought he could grow things like berries and fruit on the drained land. Today the drained land is the site of condominiums.

37. K As you walk back up the loop road to the Museum, try to imagine this scene in 1846 to 1900. In late summer through early fall, 100s of oxen-pulled wagons, livestock and immigrants on foot would have been traveling this very path, bound for the end of the Oregon Trail in Oregon City. They would camp in the meadow where Collins Lake Resort is now, before descending dangerous Laurel Hill.

By the 1900's travelers would be using this route and going both east and west for recreation and business purposes. You could have encountered a party of Warm Springs Indians headed to the huckleberry fields, a group of Mazama climbers headed to the summit of Mount Hood, or a homesteader from Wapinitia returning with supplies from Sandy.

Jump ahead to the 1920's and those same people plus more are traveling this route in automobiles on a oiled road surface. This street would have been lined with tourist services selling gas, food, sodas, and telescope views of the mountain. Tame black bears would be chained in front of the businesses to draw the tourist attention.

Jump forward to 1940 – 1950 and this street would be lined with larger commercial buildings. Traffic would be heavy with commercial trucks hauling freight to Eastern Oregon and log trucks moving logs to the mills in Sandy. The large Ratskeller building would have housed Hjalmer Hvam's ski shop, and Ole Langrude's Bed, Breakfast and Guide Business. What is now Charlie's Mountain View would have been Darr's Mountain Shop, selling and renting all type of gear for skiing and climbing. A nicely painted Sinclair Gas Station would have been in the Cascade Ski Club parking lot. The huge Battleaxe Inn would have occupied the entire block where the Huckleberry now stands. Hill's Place, famous for juicy hamburgers, stood on the now vacant lot until, like most large businesses in Government Camp, it burned in 1969. Summer business is slow, but winter weekends are crowded.

Today the route of the Barlow Road through the village is much quieter as the commercial traffic stays on the bypass to the south. Summer traffic is a mix of tourist and summer ski campers. There are over 3,000 skiers at Timberline every day from June – August. The retired folks come after the summer crowds disperse. When the fall rains come there are few visitors. When the snow returns between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the skiers will return again.

This history is provided courtesy of Mt. Hood Museum.

By: Lloyd Musser, Curator