

HERMAN CREEK PINNACLES/DRY CREEK FALLS PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

The trail is **now open** after evaluation of any Eagle Creek fire damage.

Please note: The Online Start Box (OLSB) system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion information including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded pdf is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the pdf is downloaded. Later, any pdf fees are credited back to a walker's Event Bank when he/she submits the walk completion information as a paying for credit walker.)

This hike can be done one-way with two cars – one parked at the Herman Creek Trailhead, the other at the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead. Or, as a round trip from either trailhead.

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EVENT INFORMATION

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This hike from either the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead or the Herman Creek Campground Trailhead is a moderate hike rated 3B. From either trailhead the route is 10K to the other end. The normal turnaround point is the Herman Creek Pinnacles back to the starting trailhead. From the Herman Creek Trailhead this creates an 8K round trip, from the Bridge of the Gods, a 12K round trip. A side trip to Dry Creek Falls is included in routes from the Bridge of the Gods, or the one-way from Herman Creek Campground. The trail is well-maintained and available by June. Hikes from either end have been part of the Columbia Gorge Hiking Festival in the past. There is a pit toilet at the Herman Creek Trailhead. Restrooms are available in Cascade Locks at Marine Park or in establishments in town. No toilets along the routes.

Columbia Gorge weather can vary, and the trails are popular. Be sure and check the weather report and be prepared for changing weather conditions. Carry snacks and water. Mostly shaded, none-the-less sunscreen, a hat and bug repellent are good ideas. Some parts of the trail east of the Pinnacles are a rougher talus, hiking shoes and a hiking stick are good ideas.

Cell coverage varies depending on how close to I-84 you are. **Emergency 911 may be possible if there is coverage.**

Northwest Region Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Start from Herman Creek Campground Y1677, 8-10Km (5-6.2 miles) – Rated 3B

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Driving Directions: I-84 eastbound from Portland, OR, take exit 44 (Cascade Locks). Continue through town on WaNaPa St to Forest Lane. Left on Forest Lane crossing over the Freeway to the stop sign. Left to the Herman Creek Campground sign. Turn Right and drive up the hill, turning right to the trailhead. I-84 westbound, take Exit 44 (westbound only exit). At the top of the ramp, turn left over the Freeway and left at the stop sign to Herman Creek Campground sign as above. **Be sure to display your NW Forest Service Pass or equivalent Federal Access Pass. Day passes available at the trailhead.**

1. From the Herman Creek Trailhead take **trail #406** and follow it down, then up to the power lines.
2. **Continue** under the power lines and then **bear right**.
3. **Continue** on the trail to a fork.
4. Stay **Right** downhill to continue on the Herman Bridge Trail.
5. **Cross** the bridge and continue on the trail.
6. At the junction with the PCT, **bear Right** onto the PCT.
7. As you cross the small creek, look up at the waterfall to your left.
8. **Continue** another 0.4K to the Herman Creek Pinnacles on your right. Explore the pyramidal rock formations here. There are several trails that take you to views of the Columbia and the back side of the Pinnacles.(4.1K) Then either...

Option 1: Turn around and return to the Herman Creek Campground for an **8k hike**:

9. **Turn left** downhill onto the Herman Bridge Trail at the first trail junction.
10. **Cross** the bridge and continue uphill.
11. **Continue straight** downhill at the fence and signpost.
12. Go under the power lines and continue on Trail #406 to the Herman Creek Campground Trailhead and your car.

Option 2: Continue on the PCT to the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead for a **total 10K one-way hike**.

13. **Continue** west on the PCT another 2K to the bridge over Dry Creek (not dry).
14. **Cross** the bridge. **Turn Left** uphill on the dirt road to Dry Creek Falls and return to the bridge.
15. **Turn Left** to continue on the PCT 3 K to the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead for a **10K one way hike**.

At your option you may use the Start from the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead directions to return to the Herman Creek campground for a round-trip 20K hike.

We hope you enjoyed this hike on the PCT

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Northwest Region Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)

Start from Bridge of the Gods Trailhead Y1677, 10K/12K (6.2/7.4 miles)

Rated 3B

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Driving Directions: **I-84 eastbound** from Portland, OR, take exit 44 (Cascade Locks). Coming off the exit ramp, turn onto the road toward the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead. **I-84 westbound**, take Exit 44 (westbound only exit). Right at the top of the ramp onto Forest Lane. Continue on Forest Lane to the stop sign at WaNaPa St. Right on WaNaPa St through town. Left on the curved access road to Bridge of the Gods and turn into the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead. Be sure to display your NW Forest Service Pass or equivalent Federal Access Pass. Passes can be obtained at **Lorang Fine Art in Cascade Locks**.

1. From the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead carefully cross the street to the trail (PCT) going uphill on the left before the bridge tollbooth.
2. Go up this trail, passing under the freeway to a street.
3. **Right** on the street and stay right as it becomes gravel.
4. A short distance past the entrance to the gravel part **turn Left** on the PCT (signed).
5. **Continue** on this trail until you come to an opening in the forest.
6. **Bear Right** crossing under power lines in the cleared area.
7. **Pick up** the trail on the other side of the cleared area. (Do not follow the power lines up or down.)
8. **Continue** on this trail until you come to a footbridge over a creek at a dirt road. (Dry Creek)
9. **Turn Right** on the dirt road to the Falls and return to the bridge. (4K)
10. **Turn Right** over the bridge on the PCT 2K to the Herman Creek Pinnacles – pyramidal rock formations. Explore the formations.
11. **Option 1: To return to the Bridge of the Gods Trailhead**, return on the PCT, crossing over the bridge at Dry Creek, over the cleared area under the power lines and back to the gravel road.
12. **Right** on the gravel road continuing as it becomes a hard surface street.
13. **Left** on the trail you came up on, passing under the freeway to the bridge toll booth road.
14. **Carefully cross** the tollbooth to the Bridge of the Gods trailhead parking lot. For a total of **12K (7.4 miles)**.
15. **Option 2: Continue** east on the PCT to the junction with the Herman Creek Bridge Trail.
16. **Turn Left** on the Herman Creek Bridge trail to its intersection with Trail #406.
17. **Turn Left** downhill on Trail #406 to the Herman Creek Campground for an additional **4K. A total 10K one way hike.**

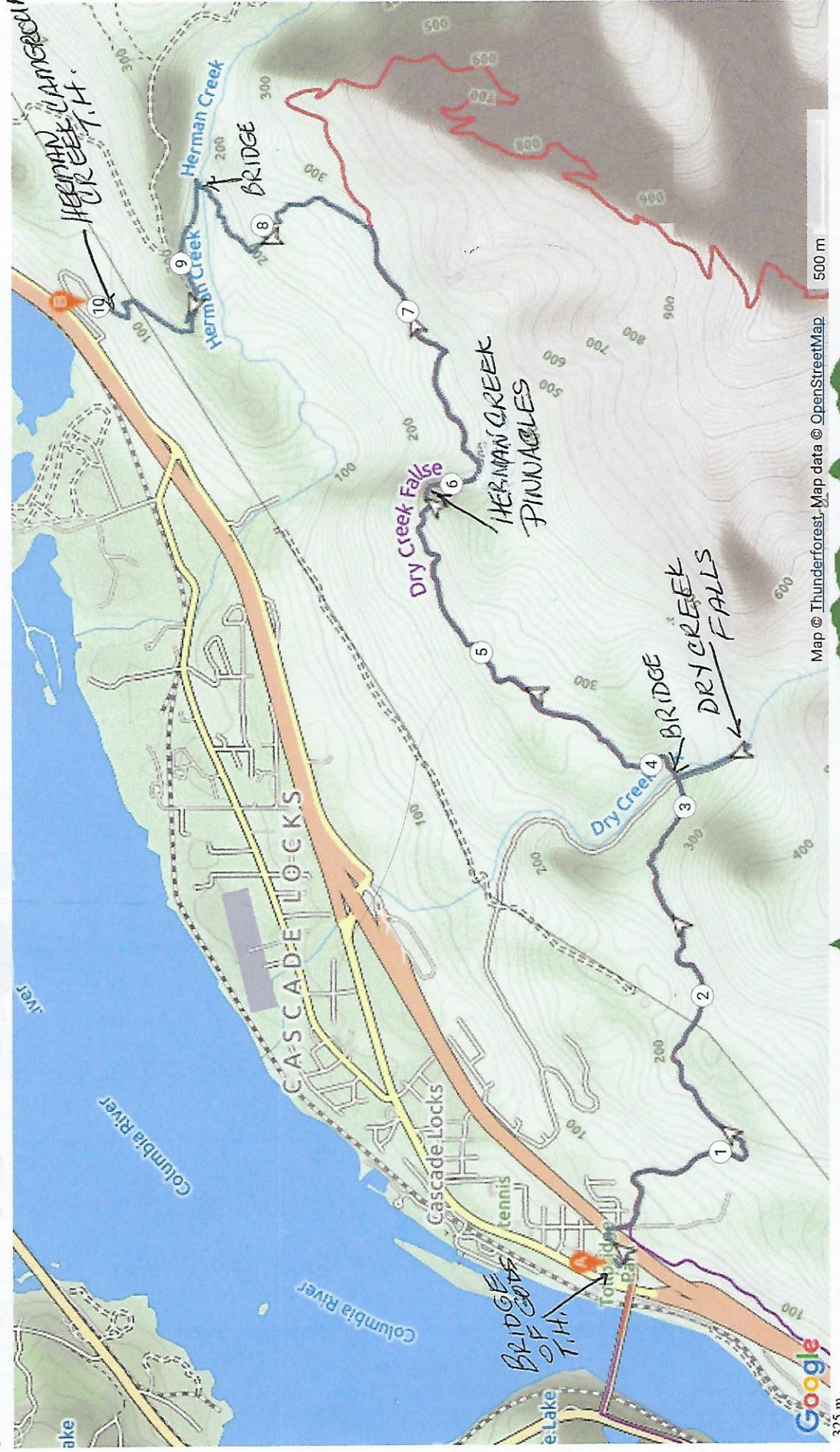
At your option you may use the Start from the Herman Creek Trailhead directions to return to Bridge of the Gods trailhead for a total 20K hike.

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To continue on to the Herman Creek Campground trailhead for a 10K one-way hike, go to Option 2, #15.

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CASCADE LOCKS BRIDGE OF THE GODS T.H. TO HERMAN CREEK CAMPGROUND.



AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS CHECKLIST

WALK NAME Herman Creek Pinnacles/Dry Creek – Pacific Crest Trail		
NUMBER -- Y1677		
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[Ongoing]	OREGON STATE
BRIDGES – SPANNING THE USA	[2016-2018]	Footbridge over Dry Creek or Herman Creek Trail
FLAG, HONORING OUR PACIFIC CREST TRAIL	[2015-2017]	
PACIFIC CREST TRAIL	[2019--]	Doing this trail will count when this national challenge is official.
VOLCANOS	[2015-2017]	Mount Adams from Open areas on Herman Creek Pinnacles trail
WALK THE USA A - Z	[ongoing]	"C" Cascade Locks

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL (PCT) AVA SANCTIONED HIKES

WASHINGTON:

NACHES LOOP and DEWEY LAKE –Y2050 – Four Plus Foolhardy Folks

KENDALL KATWALK – Y0786

GILLETTE LAKE – Y2294

OREGON:

TIMOTHY LAKE – Y1514

HERMAN CREEK PINNACLES – Y1677

CALIFORNIA:

CARSON PASS – Y0880

DONNER PASS – Y1038

ROUND VALLEY/SALT RIDGE – Y0983

WHITEWATER – Y0975

Find other walks and hikes on the AVA website – www.ava.org.