

GILLETTE LAKE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

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EVENT INFORMATION

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This is an easy early season day hike starting from two possible locations off of SR14 on the Washington side of the Columbia River just west of the Cascade Locks Bridge of the Gods. You will hike through forests and harvested clearings among rocky hummocks and ponds made centuries ago by the Bonneville land slide. You'll enjoy views of the Columbia River, Bonneville Dam and Table Mountain. Total elevation gain is 648 feet.

There are three places to park:

1. Just to the west of the Cascade Locks Bridge is a small parking turnout and a large sign marking the Pacific Crest Trail. You can begin here to be on the PCT the entire way. This point adds 2.3K to the total distance. There are **no toilets** at this location or on this route. If you need one, see 2 below or visit the Bonneville Dam Visitor Center, below.
2. Or, continue on SR14 west 1.5 miles to the Bonneville Trailhead on your right. **Pit toilet** located at the far end of the parking lot. NW Forest Pass or equivalent required to park here.
3. If you don't have a Pass, park on the south side of SR14 at the Bonneville Dam Visitors Center. Cross the highway and walk through the Bonneville Trailhead parking lot in 2 above.

Bring a lunch to eat at the lake. There is no drinkable water on either route. Carry water. Sunscreen, a hat and bug repellent are good ideas.

There are no toilets on these routes, except for the pit toilet at the Bonneville Trailhead.

The Bonneville Dam Visitors Center with a restroom is open from 9am to 5pm every day.

Cell coverage disappears as you leave SR14, so no emergency phone.

Northwest Region Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)

Gillette Lake Y2294, 11K (6.8 miles)/9K (5.4 miles) – Rated 2B

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Driving directions: From Portland: I-84 east 40 miles to exit 40 (Cascade Locks.) Pay the toll and cross the Bridge of the Gods to the Washington side. Turn Left onto SR14.

1. Immediately look for a small parking turnoff to the right with a big PCT sign. **OR**
2. Continue west 1.5 miles on SR14 to the well-developed Bonneville Trailhead parking lot on the right side. NW Forest Pass or equivalent required to park here. **Pit toilet** located here, the only “facility” on the route. **OR**
3. Park on the left side of SR14 at the Bonneville Dam Visitors Center. Visitors Center has a **restroom**, open 9am to 5pm daily. Carefully cross SR14 to the Bonneville Trailhead parking lot.

From Vancouver: Drive east 35 miles on SR14. After you go through the town of North Bonneville, look for the Bonneville Dam Visitors Center on your right (#3 above.)

On the left is the Bonneville Trailhead parking lot (#2 above.) Or, continue 1.5 miles to just before the Bridge of the Gods. The PCT turnout is on the left with the big PCT sign (#1 above.)

Bring water. There is no drinkable water on these routes. Visit the Bonneville Dam Visitors Center and fish ladders if you have time.

From the PCT turnout (#1):

1. **Straight** left on an old, overgrown power line road parallel to SR14.
2. **Continue** in a little less than a mile working your way up switchbacks to join the Tamanous Trail coming from the left onto the PCT.

Go to # 7.

From the Bonneville Trailhead (#2):

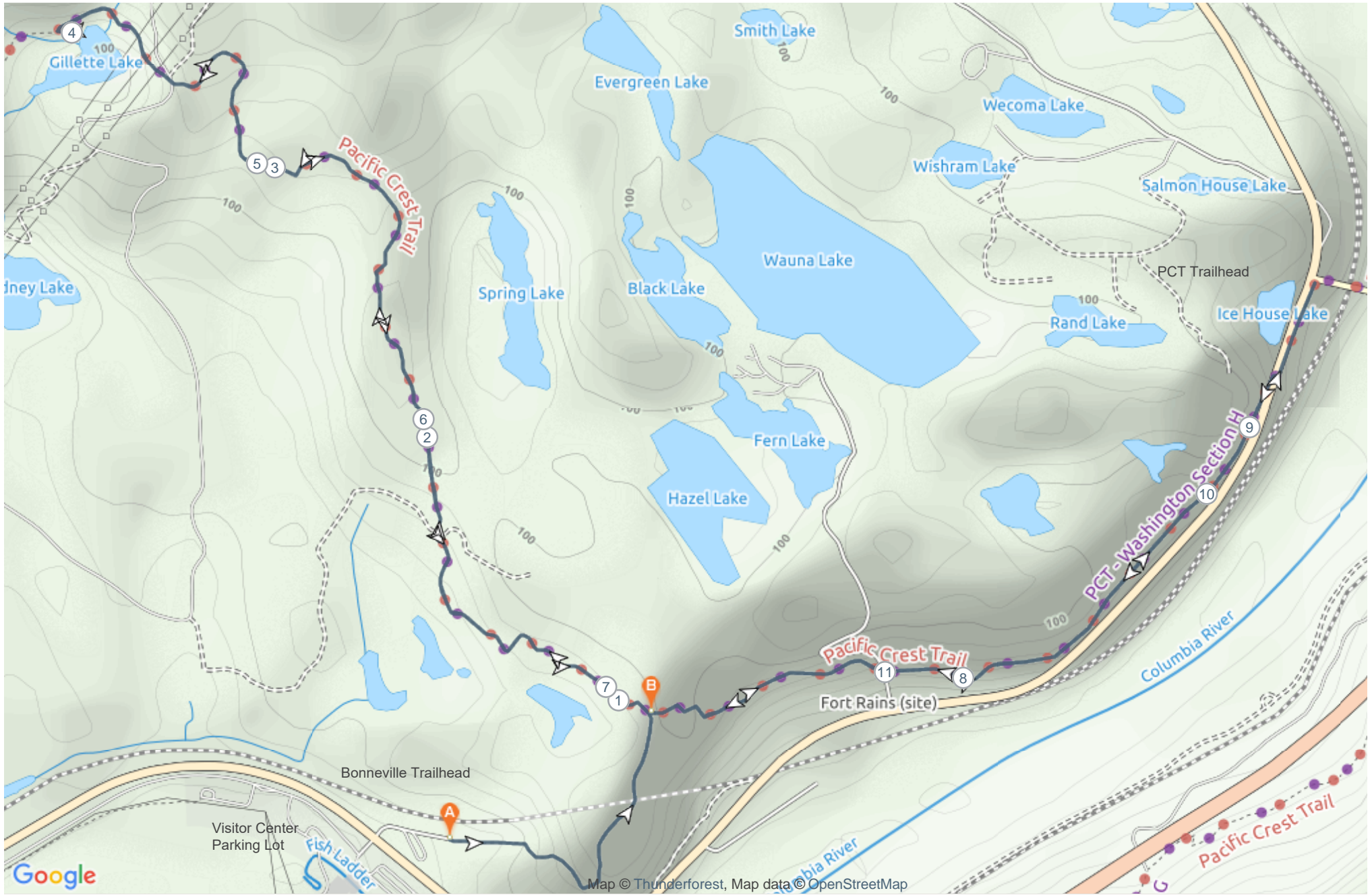
3. **Walk** to the east end of the parking lot to the “Tamanous Trail #27”.
4. **Follow** this trail as it winds up the hill. In 1/3K there’s a good Columbia River view.
5. **Continue** as the trail turns left to a small ridge, where a clear-cut gives views to the NW.
6. **Turn Left** at the “T” onto the PCT. (.4k)

7. View several ponds downslope as you travel this section of the trail.
8. **Continue** through a mixture of clear-cuts and forests. Stay on the main trail as there is a mixture of public and private lands.
9. **Continue** through a thick, shady forest. (2k)
10. **Climb** slightly to a utility road.
11. **Cross** the road to continue downhill on the trail to Gillette Lake.
12. **Left** on the spur trail just before you reach the lake’s seasonal inlet to a nice spot for lunch. Or continue up the inlet if the lake is crowded.
13. **Reverse** your steps to return to your car.

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Emergency cell service 911 may not be available, except near SR14.

Gillette Lake On The PCT (11.659 km)



AVA and WASHINGTON STATE SPECIAL PROGRAMS CHECKLIST

WALK NAME Gillette Lake – Pacific Crest Trail		
NUMBER -- Y2294		
WASHINGTON STATE SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
39 COUNTIES [Ongoing]	Skamania County	
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[Ongoing]	WASHINGTON STATE
BRIDGES – SPANNING THE USA	[2016-2018]	Bridge of the Gods (11k)
PACIFIC CREST TRAIL	[2018--]	Doing this trail will count when this national challenge is official.
VOLCANOS	[2015-2017]	Mount Hood
WALK THE USA A - Z	[ongoing]	“N” – North Bonneville

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.