CHINOOK TRAIL ASSOCIATON



Moulton Falls Trail – 5.2 miles roundtrip. A gentle grade through an alder and fir forest. This all-year trail provides view of the East Fork of the Lewis River and streams that tumble down the hillside. All the streams are bridged and the trail is well graveled. At the far end, cross a scenic arch bridge over the East Fork of the Lewis River. Start at the Hantwick Road Trailhead.



Bells Mountain Trail -20.8 miles roundtrip. Total elevation gain and loss is 5,900 feet. This 3-season trail goes through fir forests and clear-cuts. It climbs steeply up the slopes of Bells Mountain and has mountain views to the north and east. All the large streams have bridges. Nice views of Cold Creek and Cedar Creek. Start at Moulton Falls.



Bluff Mountain Trail - 13.2 miles round trip. Total elevation gain and loss is 6,400 feet. This 3-season hike begins on a ridge and travels seven miles to just below the summit of Silver Star Mountain. The first part of the trail drops down on an old forest road and after two miles, the trail leaves the old road and ascends across the slopes of Bluff Mountain, passing below rocky cliffs. Pass through a cathedral of trees and emerge at Little Baldy and majestic views of

the Columbia River and wildflower-filled ridges. The turn-around is just below the summit of Silver Star Mountain. The road to the trailhead is brushy and has multiple, large potholes.



Chinook Trail - 15.5 miles round trip. Total elevation gain and loss is 6,200 feet. This 3-season hike begins in an old clear cut with second growth trees quickly taking over. In early June wild iris line the first half mile of the trail. This is a fairly level trail at first, gently rising as it proceeds through clear-cuts and islands of older trees. At 3.75 miles, turn left onto the Chinook Trail, leaving the Tarbell trail behind and begin crossing hillsides that open up to

views around the area. Ascend through small patches of forest and mountain meadows full of wildflowers in mid-July. Soon you can see Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, along with Mount St. Helens. Continue uphill to the summit of Silver Star Mountain.



Silver Star Mountain – Via 4109 Road. 5 Miles round trip, Total gain and loss is 2,200 Feet. The last 2 miles of this road is impassible with 2-wheel drive or passenger cars. Many people park at the beginning of the 4109 road and walk the extra miles. From the parking lot the trail soon comes out of the trees and joins an old jeep trail. In about ½ mile is the junction with Ed's Trail and a fantastic view of Mt. Hood. Take either the rugged Ed's Trail or the

main trail up to Silver Star Mountain for 360 degree views of distant mountains and the Columbia River. In late June and early July this area has one of the finest wildflower displays in the area. This trail can be snowshoed in the winter from the beginning of the 4109 road, weather permitting.

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Grassy Knoll – 4.3 miles round trip. Total gain and loss is 2,410 Feet. This summer and fall trail climbs steeply for about the first mile through a nice forest. A bit farther the trail passes nice viewpoints of the Big Lava bed and Mt. Adams. Pass mountain meadows with carpets of wildflowers. Grassy Knoll is a former fire lookout with panoramic views. Continue 3.4 miles further to Big Huckleberry Mountain and join with the Pacific Crest Trail. Forest road access is closed during winter/early spring.



Klickitat River Trail – Lyle Trailhead – Up to 58 miles round trip Total gain and loss is variable. This 3 season trail is a rails-to-trail so the grade is moderate. Walk or bike along the Klickitat River for a long as you like. Nice river and canyon views are your constant companion. Travelling the trail is a little like travelling through time, pieces of the past poking through to the present, like parts of old railroad ties, railroad spikes, rusty bolts, and metal plates. Old apple trees along the trail are abandoned to time.



Klickitat River Trail – Harms Road Trailhead – Up to 58 miles round trip. This 3 season trail is a rails-to-trail corridor so the grade is moderate. Walk or bike the trail along the headwaters of the Klickitat River. Wildflowers abound through May on this quiet trail. This upper section of the trail is closed July through mid-October because of fire danger. Please remember to shut any gates you open. You may encounter cattle and rattlesnakes on the trail.



Dalles Riverfront Trail - Total length is 12.6 miles out and back. Total gain and loss is 500 Feet. This can be a 4-season trail. The paved trail follows the south bank of the Columbia River at the historic "bend in the river," where the Columbia bends about 90-degrees, changing from an east-west flow to a northward flow. Plan to spend some time looking at the exhibits at the Discovery Center or perhaps tour the museum before walking or biking the

trail. Pass through meadows and forests then pass through an industrial area with several very large buildings including one for Google.



Bunker Hill Trail - 5.6 miles roundtrip. Total gain and loss is 2,560 Feet. Start on the PCT. About .5 mile along the trail is a small patch of rhododendrons growing on the forest floor. Be sure to look for the bright pink blooms in the spring. The PCT comes out on a Forest Road 417. Make a left and walk on the road for 45 paces, looking for the trail to leave the road on the left. The trail heads directly towards Bunker Hill, which is the forested

mound straight off to the right from the road. About 1.25 miles from the trailhead the Bunker Hill Trail is unsigned and goes uphill to the left. On the way up is a rock ridge located at the 3rd switchback from the bottom. A waytrail leads to views into the Wind River Valley and the hills surrounding the Columbia River Gorge.

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