

Oregon / Columbia Gorge Wahkeena Falls

DISTANCE: 4.0 miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 1604 feet

ROUTE TYPE: Loop

This is a beautiful loop in the gorge that brings you to one of the best waterfalls in the area. This loop hike passes by several waterfalls. The trail ascends Wahkeena Creek past the springs which feed the waterfall and then continues onto Larch Mountain Trail which brings you to Multnomah Falls. Looking down from the top of the tallest waterfall in Oregon is pretty amazing! The trail then descends down to the Multnomah Lodge and returns via a the highway to the Wahkeena parking lot.

Fantastic hike, gorgeous in every way, waterfalls, lush greenery, flowers, mushrooms, moss, all that's missing are the little fairies :) Took us about 5-6 hrs, just what we needed.

Beautiful views and nicely designed trails make this one of my favorite trail runs of this year. I did this counter clockwise which I recommend because the initial climb features tight switchbacks which I personally prefer to ascend. Careful on the descent as you get to Multnomah Falls as foot traffic is heavy there

This hike was very lucious and beatiful! Was not too challenging. Some parts of wet rocks and some parts of diving edges that looked intimidating. Otherwise easy breezy. A must if you want to hike by water !

Go early, for real. Finding parking around 10:30am was ridiculous but worth the effort for such a beautiful hike. The entire loop was more like 6.5 miles if you include a few lookouts. It took my husband and I about 3 hours to complete. Don't hesitate, just do itttt! :)

07/21/17. Great hike. Plan to do this one early. Park at Multnomah Lodge, directly below the falls. Walk up and admire the awesome view of Multnomah Falls, then proceed DIRECTLY back toward the lot, and walk past the giftshop/lodge, approximately 600 feet west along the road to Return Trail (it is right before the No Pedestrians sign on the road). Start on Return Trail, which will lead you the Wahkeena side of the Wahkeena-Multnomah Loop. Take the Wahkeena side up and finish down the Multnomah side. You will not be disappointed, as the Wahkeena side is relatively quiet w/ awesome waterfalls along the way. Also, the switchbacks here are easier and far less crowded than the ones on the Multnomah side. Enjoy the spectacular view from the top of Multnomah Falls on the way down. Once you are finished, grab lunch from the lodge restaurant, which serves up good food.

