

Falls Creek Falls, 15 miles north of Carson, WA

Highly recommended on busy weekends when the Multnomah falls trails are crowded.

Highlights:

Great hike for kids, beautiful stream, breathtaking waterfalls at the end!

Distance: 3 miles round trip

Elevation Gain: 683 ft

Hike Time: 2 hours

Difficulty: Easy

HikeType:

Out and Back



Summary: This is a relatively easy hike for the casual hiker and worth every step of the 1.5 miles out for the waterfall at the end. Kids will easily take this hike in stride. The trail is good and well maintained, and there are only few and short moderately steep areas. The waterfall - well, really a triple waterfall - at the end is worth the walk. This has to be one of the most spectacular falls in the Pacific Northwest. As you near the end of the hike and hear the falls - LOOK UP! You can only see the top stage of the falls from one point on the trail, and it's rather surreal seeing all that water apparently cascading out of the trees. Up close, the second stage is very powerful, and the third is a 100ft spout into a "punchbowl". On a hot day, the temperature at the end of the trail closest to the falls drops 8-10 degrees due to the mist. Its very refreshing, aside from the beauty of it all. Grace (11) and Dave (7) give this hike a double thumbs up!

Trailhead: From the Oregon side of the Columbia, cross over at the Cascade Locks (small toll) and take the highway east toward Carson. Take the Wind River Highway (Hwy 30) North 15 miles to the junction with Forest Service Rd. 3062. Turn right headed east, drive 1.5 miles and turn right onto Forest Service Road 57. The trailhead is 1/4 mile up this road. (Recommend drive back on Washington side if you have time.)

User Groups: Hikers, Dogs,

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