

## WATERFALL/ SCENIC HIKE/ RECREATION

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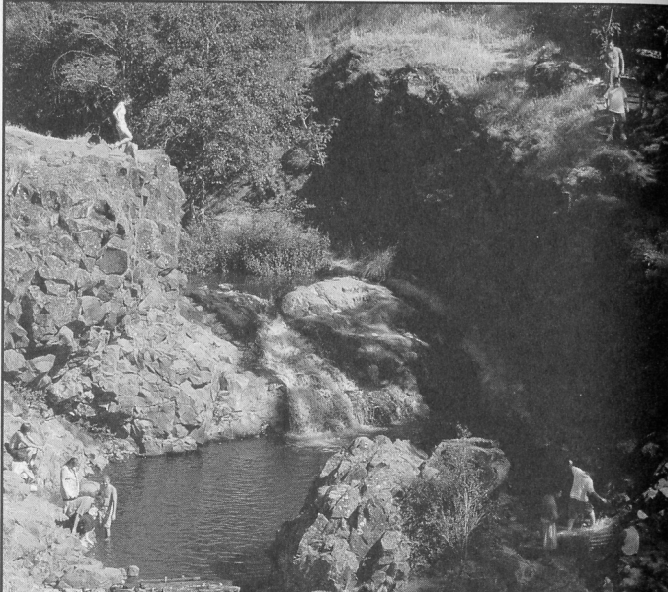
R/T from HR: ¾ Hour

Difficulty: Easy

Highlights: Swimming hole and historic site

## Mosier Creek Falls/ Pioneer Cemetery

“In 1854 Jonah Mosier settled here so he could use this waterfall to power a sawmill”, reads a new trailside park bench overlooking Mosier Creek Falls. Just a short walk from downtown Mosier, this cascading two-tiered 100-foot waterfall is a popular local swimming hole and sunning spot. The reason is a nice deep pool between the tiers. It’s fun to jump into the pool from the surrounding rocks—the water is surprisingly warm in the summer (at least by Gorge standards). Kids love it on ultra hot days— it’s like a mini-Punchbowl falls!



New for 2002 is little Pocket Park on the northern bluff above the falls. It features a scattering of park benches, easy trails meandering the rim of Mosier Creek Gorge, and the Pioneer Cemetery. Don’t leave without checking out the fantastic syncline view (the serpentine basalt wall across the river) from the cemetery area.

**DRIVING FROM HR:** Head east on I-84 to Mosier exit 69. Go right at the stop and into town. Drive thru Mosier a few hundred yards and cross the bridge. Just over the bridge on the left is a large gravel parking area. The trail begins across the street at a park bench to the left of the bridge.



**Bill’s Pick:** Take the old scenic highway to Mosier. Hang around Moser and have lunch (the Wildflower Cafe is my pick, if its open). Leave your bikes at the restaurant, and walk up to the waterfall/swim hole. Swim. On the way back, pick black berries, and bring me some. The 8 miles bike ride starts at the east end of Hood River. It is closed to cars, and part of the old scenic historical highway full of really neat stuff.