



A guide to 25 SCENIC WATERFALLS
from Hood Canal to the Pacific
Coast and points between.

Receiving hundreds of inches of rain annually, the Hoh, Quinault and Queets Rainforests are located on the coastal foothills of the Olympics. With 21+’ of snow or rain at its peaks, it’s no wonder there is a myriad of spectacular waterfalls lacing the area.

Explore this sampling curated by celebrated guidebook author and avid hiker, Craig Romano. Some are small, secret, and unique, others are popular but magnificent.

All are worth the journey!

25 WAYS TO WATERFALLS

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| 1. Tumwater Falls | N47 00.895 W122 54.256 |
| 2. Kennedy Creek Falls | N47 04.663 W123 07.619 |
| 3. Vincent Creek Falls | N47 22.088 W123 16.889 |
| 4. Big Creek Cascades | N47 30.464 W123 13.451 |
| 5. Staircase Rapids | N47 31.173 W123 20.086 |
| 6. Hamma Hamma Falls | N47 34.531 W123 15.631 |
| 7. Murhut Falls | N47 40.458 W123 03.040 |
| 8. Rocky Brook Falls | N47 43.241 W122 56.500 |
| 9. Dosewallips Falls | N47 43.921 W123 09.164 |
| 10. Fallsview Falls | N47 47.466 W122 55.787 |
| 11. Striped Peak Falls | N48 09.757 W123 40.921 |
| 12. Madison Creek Falls | N48 02.516 W123 35.364 |
| 13. Wolf Creek Falls | N47 58.446 W123 35.454 |
| 14. Goblins Gate | N47 57.414 W123 34.510 |
| 15. Boulder Creek Falls | N47 57.974 W123 42.835 |
| 16. Marymere Falls | N48 02.994 W123 47.324 |
| 17. Sol Duc Falls | N47 57.085 W123 49.178 |
| 18. Strawberry Bay Falls | N47 52.381 W124 34.638 |
| 19. Mineral Creek Falls | N47 52.167 W123 53.058 |
| 20. Cascade Falls | N47 27.774 W123 50.483 |
| 21. Merriman Falls | N47 30.018 W123 47.075 |
| 22. Enchanted Valley | N47 40.296 W123 23.408 |
| 23. Spoon Creek Falls | N47 21.197 W123 33.900 |
| 24. Maidenhair Falls | N47 27.106 W123 33.591 |
| 25. Porter Falls | N46 58.654 W123 16.052 |



22. Valley of 10,000 Waterfalls
ENCHANTED VALLEY, WA
 Enchanted Valley is for backpackers who want to experience the very essence of the Olympic Peninsula rainforest.

NOTE: MAP NOT TO SCALE, FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY.

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Let's go Chasing Waterfalls

The Olympic Range and proximity to Pacific Coastal on shore moisture flow create the perfect setting for a myriad of spectacular and hidden waterfalls. Here are a few of our favorites for you to explore.

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EXPLORE

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1. TUMWATER FALLS LOOP (1 MILE - EASY)
Olympia | Exit #103 off of I-5 S to Deschutes Way
Tumwater Falls Park, no pass required, kid/dog friendly
Iconic landmark, multi-tiered showy falls separated by gorge.

2. KENNEDY CREEK FALLS (6.8 MILE RT - MODERATE)
Kamiliche | US 101 N, left at Old Olympic, mile to gate
Forestry & WA DNR, no pass required, kid/dog friendly
Descend to a grove of big trees – and the falls. Here Kennedy Creek tumbles over basalt flow.

3. VINCENT CREEK FALLS (ROAD ACCESS - EASY)
Skokomish Valley Rd; 5.6 miles to FR 23; 2.3 miles to FR 2340
Olympic National Forest, no pass, caution: low guardrail
Arched truss 685' **High Steel Bridge** (1929) spans 375' and is the 14th highest bridge in USA. Falls drop 250' over canyon.

4. BIG CREEK CASCADES LOOP (4.2 MILE - MODERATE)
Lake Cushman / Hoodspout | SR 119 for 9.3 miles to trail head
Olympic National Forest, pass required, kid/dog-friendly
Loop utilizes old logging roads, new trails and series of bridges constructed by volunteers that continue to improve this loop.

5. STAIRCASE RAPIDS LOOP (2 MILE - EASY)
Lake Cushman/Hoodspout | SR 119; FR 24 for 14.7 miles
Olympic National Park, pass required, kid-friendly, no pets
Follow river to suspension bridge, cross river and complete loop on North Fork Skokomish River back to Ranger Station.

6. HAMMA HAMMA FALLS (ROAD ACCESS - EASY)
Lilliwaup | FR 25 for 13.3 miles
Olympic National Forest, pass required, kid-friendly
Bridge spans two-tiered falls (80'). Overhead view decent year round. On drive back, enjoy views of secondary falls along river.

7. MURHUT FALLS (1.6 MILES ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Duckabush River Valley | FR 2510 6.3 miles, FR 2530, 1.3 miles
Olympic National Forest, no pass required, kid/dog-friendly
Well-built trail to 130' two-tiered waterfall. Pacific rhododendrons line the trail in May and June.

8. ROCKY BROOK FALLS (QUARTER MILE - EASY)
Brinnon | Milepost 306 on US 101, Dosewallips Road 3 miles
Private, no pass, kid/dog-friendly - check for closures
Classic horsetail waterfall crashes more than 200' from hanging valley. Summer, the cascade pool is a popular swimming hole.

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9. DOSEWALLIPS FALLS (9.0 MILE ROUND-TRIP - MODERATE)
Brinnon | US 101 Milepost 306, Dosewallips Road 9.7 miles to trail
Olympic National Park, no pass, kid-friendly, dog-prohibited
This spectacular 100' waterfall previously had vehicle access but now to reach this waterfall you must hike or mountain bike closed road.

10. FALLSVIEW FALLS (0.2 MILE ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Quilcene | US 101 at Falls View Campground. Trail in picnic area
Olympic National Forest, pass required, kid/dog friendly, ADA
Trail is ADA accessible to a falls cascading 100'. By late summer it just trickles—but during the rainy season the falls put on a little show.

LAKE CRESCENT & ELWHA RIVER

11. STRIPED PEAK FALLS (2.2 MILE RT- MODERATE)
Salt Creek County Park | SR 112, 7.2 miles, R. @ Camp Hayden Rd
Clallam County Parks and WA DNR, no pass, dog-friendly
Small but location in remote cliff-enclosed sea cove is stunning.

12. MADISON CREEK FALLS (0.2 MILE ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Elwha River Valley | milepost 240, Olympic Hot Springs Rd 2.1 miles
Olympic National Park, no pass, kid-friendly, ADA, dog-friendly
Short walk to mossy maple and cedar lined grotto. This path is one of the few within the national park that is open to leashed dogs.

13. WOLF CREEK FALLS (0.8 MILE ROUND-TRIP - MODERATE)
Elwha River Valley | US 10, milepost 240, Olympic Hot Springs Rd, 4.0 miles, left onto dirt Whiskey Bend Rd, 4.2 miles to trail head
Olympic National Park, pass required, dogs prohibited
After a steep descent to river walk along the gravel bank of Wolf Creek to a fanning 25' falls. Step back to see another tier above it.

14. GOBLINS GATE (3.6 MILES ROUND-TRIP - MODERATE)
Elwha River Valley | US 101 to milepost 240, Olympic Hot Springs Rd, 4.0 miles onto dirt Whiskey Bend Rd, 4.5 miles to trail head
ONP, pass required, kid friendly, dogs prohibited
Hike to a Elwha River gorge to a series of rapids.

15. BOULDER CREEK FALLS (8.4 MILES ROUND-TRIP - MODERATE)
Elwha Valley | Milepost 240, Olympic Hot Springs Rd, 10 miles
Olympic National Park, pass required, dogs prohibited
A series of cascades in valley cloaked with luxuriant old-growth forest. The hike is an all-day event but is remoter than nearby popular sites.

16. MARYMERE FALLS (1.8 MILES ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Lake Crescent | US 101, milepost 228, right at Lake Crescent Lodge
Olympic National Park, no pass, kid-friendly, dogs prohibited
A popular waterfall on the Olympic Peninsula, if it was harder to reach, this 90' horsetail cascade would still be well-visited.

17. SOL DUC FALLS (1.6 MILES ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Sol Duc River Valley | Sol Duc Hot Springs Road, 14 miles to trail head
Olympic National Park, pass required, kid-friendly, no dogs
ONP's most photographed waterfall. The falls tumble about 40' into a tight slot and abruptly flow at a right angle into the gorge.

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18. STRAWBERRY BAY FALLS (3.6 MILES ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Olympic Coast | SR 110 to Quillayute Prairie, 3.8 miles to trail
Olympic National Park, no pass, kid-friendly, dogs prohibited
Hike to Third Beach to witness this waterfall tumbling more than 100' from a towering headland into the surf.

19. MINERAL CREEK FALLS (5.0 MILES ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Hoh Rainforest | Upper Hoh Rd from US 101, 18 miles to trail head
Olympic National Park, pass required, kid-friendly, no dogs
Tucked within towering Sitka spruces, firs, and maples in the rain forest this pleasant hike follows along the glacier-fed Hoh River.

20. CASCADE FALLS LOOP (.7 MILES LOOP - EASY)
Quinault Rainforest | South Shore Rd 2.3 miles to trail
Olympic National Forest, no pass, kid / dog friendly
Not the tallest, nor most popular of the waterfalls within the Quinault Rainforest, Cascade Falls is perhaps the prettiest.

21. MERRIMAN FALLS (ROADSIDE-MINIMAL WALKING)
Quinault Rainforest | South Shore Rd from US 101, 6.7 miles
Olympic National Forest, no pass, kid-friendly, dog friendly
The falls plummet 40 feet over a mossy and ferny ledge into a mossy tangle of boulders and saturated logs.

22. ENCHANTED VALLEY OF 10,000 WATERFALLS (26 MILES ROUND-TRIP - MODERATE BACKPACKING TRIP)
Quinault Rainforest | South Shore Rd from US 101, 13 miles to a junction at Quinault River Bridge, right on Graves Creek Rd 6.2 miles
ONP Wilderness Permits required, kid-friendly, dogs prohibited
Behold its stunning backdrop of sheer cliffs 3,000 feet high streaked with waterfalls and hanging snow and ice.



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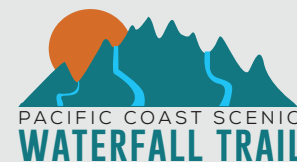
23. SPOON CREEK FALLS (6 MILE ROUND-TRIP - MODERATE)
Wynoochee Valley | FR 22 34 miles, FR 23 2.5 mile to trail
Olympic National Forest, no pass, kid-friendly, dog friendly
93' falls plunge into a box canyon. Trail goes through old-growth forest to a viewpoint of falls dropping into the gorge.

24. MAIDENHAIR FALLS (1 MILE ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Wynoochee Valley | FR 22 34 miles, FR 2312 5.8 miles, FR 2385
Olympic National Forest, no pass, kid-friendly, dog friendly
Overlooked by many due to its close proximity to Wynoochee Falls, this is a pleasant surprise in a quiet corner of the Olympics.

25. PORTER FALLS (1.6 MILE ROUND-TRIP - EASY)
Porter Creek Rd, 2.9 miles B-0150 Rd, .5 mile, B-Line 0.9 mile
Capitol State Forest, Discover Pass required, kid/dog friendly
Located at the confluence of the South and West Forks of Porter Creek. Here one branch cuts through a cleft while the other plunges over a ledge into a big punchbowl.



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