

Lake Creek Falls Recreation Site

Eugene District



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Lake Creek Falls has been a popular swimming and picnicking spot since the early 1900s. However, swimming in the swift, shallow water near the falls can be extremely risky. Visitors are encouraged to use extreme caution at all times.

In the fall and winter, this site is a great spot to catch the amazing show put on by Coho and Chinook salmon and steelhead as they migrate upstream to spawn. In 1989, the Bureau of Land Management built a concrete fish ladder at this site, opening up more than 110 miles of stream habitat to fish.

Know Before You Go

The Lake Creek Falls Watchable Wildlife and Recreation Site facilities include a parking lot with 21 spaces, an accessible portable toilet, garbage cans, and an interpretive kiosk. This site does not require any fees.

Safety

Children should use the swimming area only with adults in attendance and under close supervision. **All swimmers should use extreme caution.** Swimming in the swift, shallow water near the falls can be dangerous. Currents can be very strong. Wood debris and boulders can be hidden beneath the surface of the water. The surface of the slick rock slide can be rough and uneven.

The moss covered boulders in the creek and along its banks can be very slippery and unstable.

Recreation Site Rules and Regulations

- Day use only 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. -- camping is prohibited.
- Vehicle parking is limited to the designated parking area; parking along Highway 36 is prohibited.
- Campfires or other open flame fires are prohibited.
- Fishing is prohibited.
- Consumption, possession, or furnishing of any alcoholic beverage in violation of Oregon State law is prohibited.
- Pets must be on a leash and under the control of the owner at all times.
- Use and/or discharge of all weapons is prohibited.
- Possession or discharge of fireworks is prohibited.
- Possession of glass beverage containers is prohibited.
- Operation or use of any audio device, noise producing device, or motorized device in a manner that makes unreasonable noise or disturbs other visitors is prohibited.
- Do not disturb plants or wildlife.
- Do not leave trash or debris behind.

Directions to the Site

From Eugene, Oregon take Highway 99 North for approximately 10 miles to Highway 36. Go west on Highway 36 for 26 miles. Parking for the recreation site is located .5 miles past Triangle Lake on the right side of the road.

District Contact Information

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Welcome to Lake Creek Falls

Lake Creek Falls Watchable Wildlife and Recreation Site is nestled on the eastern side of the Oregon Coast Range, 35 miles northwest of Eugene, Oregon. Located on Lake Creek where the water rushes over falls and salmon and steelhead make their way up a fish ladder, the site offers opportunities to hike, view wildlife, picnic, swim, and study nature. Bigleaf maple, western redcedar, red alder, and Douglas-fir trees tower above the site. Growing beneath their branches are other trees and shrubs such as Oregon hazel, vine maple, Indian-plum, trailing black currant, wild rose, and red huckleberry. This diverse plant life provides habitat for birds, deer, elk, bear, mountain lions, raccoon, beavers, and squirrels. Lake Creek is part of the Siuslaw River watershed that drains water from the Coast Range to the Pacific Ocean.

