

“Where are the falls?”

That's the first question asked by many visitors and newcomers to Klamath Falls. The query often meets with a blank expression from local residents who aren't sure how to respond. Depending on the time of year, that can be a tough question to answer:

The city of Klamath Falls was originally named Linkville after a short river that links two lakes on either side of the town. Community leaders decided in 1893 to change the city's name to Klamath Falls. Their idea was to “let the world know of our water power.” The falls they had in mind were apparently a series of rapids in Link River, where waters from Upper Klamath Lake spilled over a natural reef that served as the lake's natural outlet.

A hydroelectric project built in 1921 significantly altered the Link River reef, virtually eliminating the rapids except during periods of high water. Today, a 1.3-mile hiking trail along Link River, maintained by Pacific Power, provides a pleasurable route for a nature hike.

Inside this brochure you'll find more information on the Link River Trail, as well as directions to several other waterfalls in the area.

Bonus Points

If your fascination with rushing water goes beyond the mildly curious, here are a few ideas for more demanding waterfall excursions:

- Drive the Topsy Grade, a historic route that traces the Klamath River Canyon's east rim. Four-wheel drive is recommended for this challenging route. For information contact the Bureau of Land Management, Klamath Resource Area, (541) 883-6916.
- Interested in doing some real exploring? Use your map and compass skills to find Cottonwood Falls in the Mt. Thielsen Wilderness Area north of Crater Lake National Park. No trails, no signs, lots of solitude. Contact the Chemult Ranger District for information, (541) 365-7001.



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1-800-445-6728*

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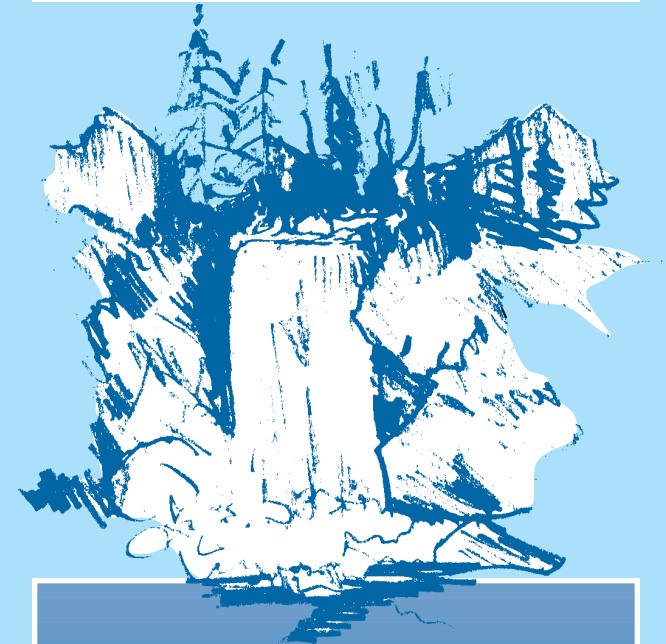
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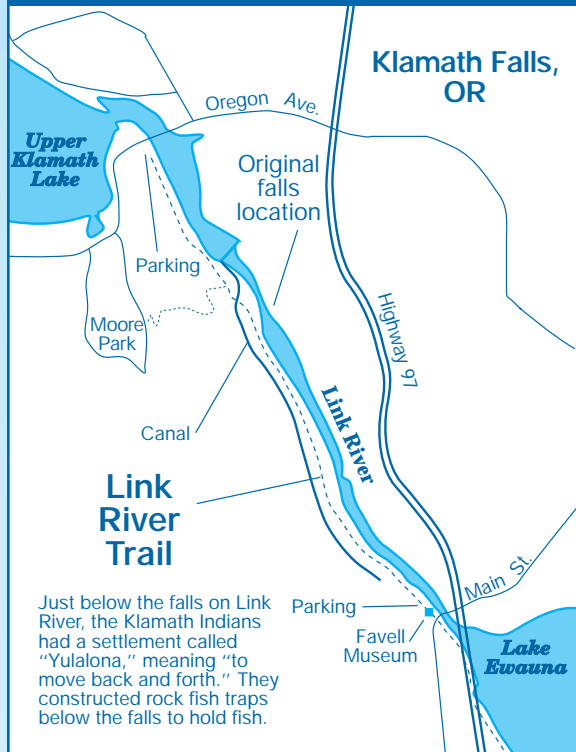


Klamath, Lake, & Modoc Country

Southern Oregon & Northern California

Waterfalls in Klamath and Modoc Country

Link River Trail



Take the Link River Trail to see where the Klamath Falls were located before a hydro power project was constructed on the Link River.

The Link River Trail, maintained by Pacific Power, is a popular spot among local residents for walking, jogging and wildlife viewing. Many species of water birds can be observed on the river, while the steep sagebrush-covered slopes beside the river serve as habitat for several songbird species.

Blackberry bushes and crabapple trees grow in abundance at the southern end of the trail. The gravel-surface trail is slightly over one mile long, and has a gentle grade. Free parking is provided at each end.

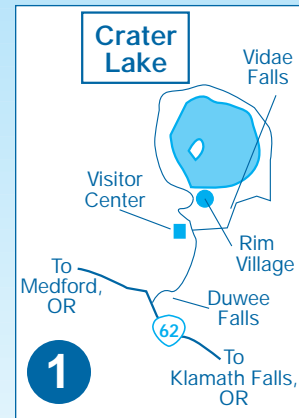
Crater Lake National Park

60 mi. N of Klamath Falls, OR on Hwy 97 & 62.

Look for Vidae Falls along East Rim Drive. Duwee Falls can be seen along the Godfrey Glen Trail.

During the spring run-off, waterfalls are common throughout this world-famous park.

Information: Crater Lake National Park, 541-594-2211.

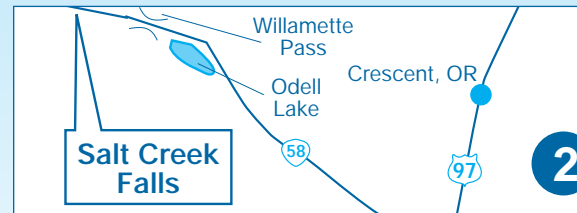


Salt Creek Falls

5 mi. W of Willamette Pass summit on Hwy. 58.

Oregon's second highest waterfall plunges 286 feet from a basalt cliff along Salt Creek. A trail suitable for wheeled devices accesses an overlook of the falls. A longer trail leads to the foot of the roaring falls.

Information: Oakridge Ranger District, 541-782-2291.

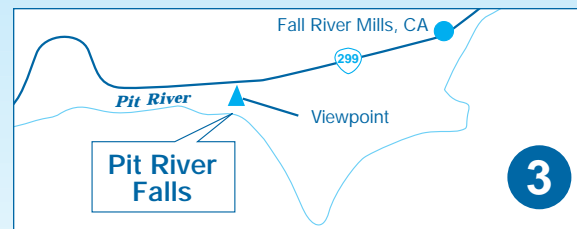


Pit River Falls

From Fall River Mills, CA, W 2 mi. on Hwy. 299 to overlook.

The Pit River tumbles over a basalt cliff in a deeply cut canyon that offers a glimpse into Northern California's geologic history. The falls are in full view from this scenic pull-out along Highway 299.

Information: Bureau of Land Management, Alturas Resource Area, 530-233-4666.

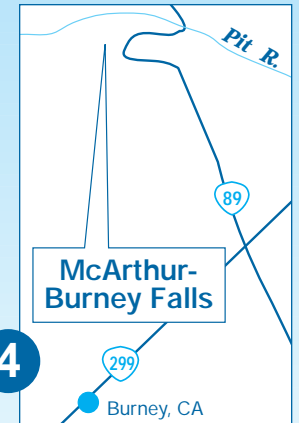


McArthur-Burney Falls

From intersection of Hwys. 299 & 89, N 6 mi. on Hwy 89.

One of Northern California's most spectacular scenic splendors, the McArthur-Burney Falls are located in a state memorial park.

Information: McArthur-Burney Falls Memorial State Park, 530-335-2777.



Mill Creek Falls

From Likely, CA, E 14 mi. on Forest Service Rd. 64 to campground and falls.

A 1/8 mile hike from the Forest Service campground leads to Mill Creek Falls. The trail continues to the rugged South Warner Wilderness.

Information: Warner Mountain Ranger District, 530-279-6116.

