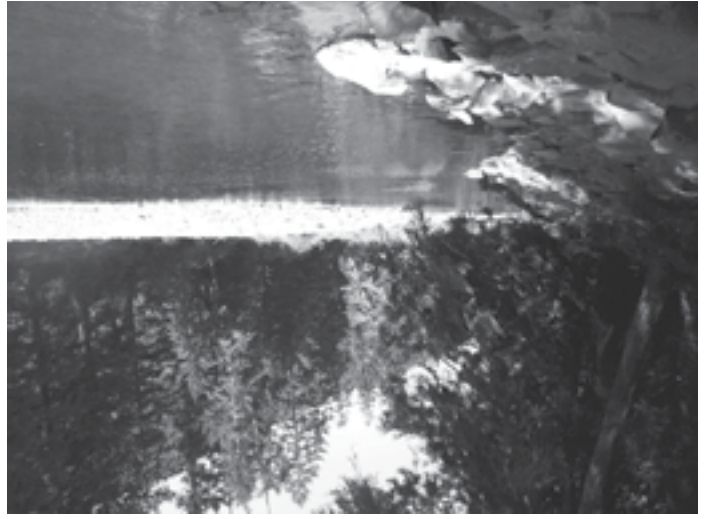


The Molalla River Trail System is an extensive network of more than 20 miles of trails for hikers, bicyclists and equestrians. The system combines both single track trails and old forest roads. The system offers a variety of difficulty levels for a wide range of mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding enthusiasts. Trails are generally marked with directional signs and levels of difficulty.

The best equestrian access to the trail system is from Hardy Creek or Annie's Cabin Trailheads where there is ample parking for horse trailers. Mountain bikers and hikers may prefer to access the trail system via Amanda's, Americorp, and Sandquists Trailheads.



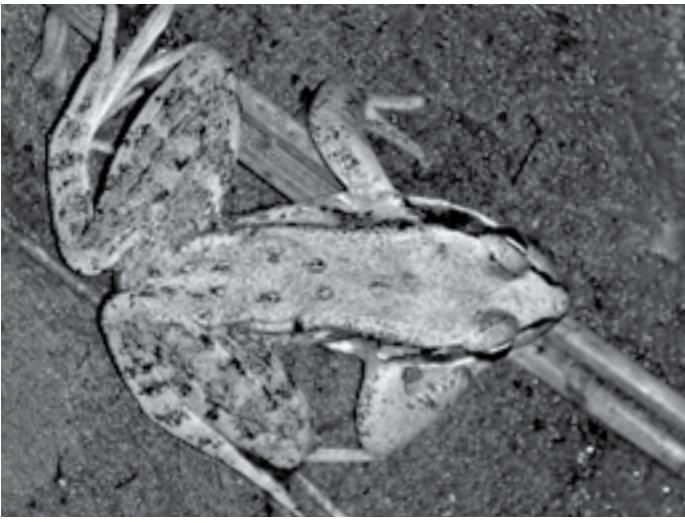
The Molalla River Recreation Area provides riparian habitat for species unique to the lower west slope of the Cascade Mountains. The area is home to many terrestrial and aquatic species, and provides habitat for a number of threatened fish and bird species. Riparian habitats adjacent to rivers and streams offer particularly high quality habitat for numerous species and allow for wildlife viewing opportunities.



Forest Composition
The forest canopy is dominated by Douglas fir, as well as western hemlock, western red cedar, big leaf maple, black cottonwood and red alder. Understory trees include dogwood and vine maple. A variety of wildflowers are found along the rocky cliffs and roadsides, while many types of ferns thrive in moist canyons.



- Birds**
The Molalla river riparian area provides excellent habitat for common aquatic bird species, including:
- American dipper
 - Great blue heron
 - Belted kingfisher
 - Common merganser
 - Osprey
 - Turkey vulture
 - Red tailed hawk
 - Bald Eagle
 - Golden eagle
 - Sharp-shinned hawk



Wildlife
The riparian habitat is home to deer, elk, squirrel, beaver, mountain beaver, raccoon, fox, coyote, cougar and bear. Near the water you may find rough skinned newt, Pacific tree frog, Pacific giant salamander, and the common garter snake.



Geology
Creation of the Cascade Mountains began 40 million years ago during the Eocene era (54.8-33.7 mya). The basic geology and the soils derived from the Molalla watershed are igneous rocks such as basalt, andesite and others derived from volcanic ash. Look for unique formations like basalt columns (below) during your visit.

Partners in Management

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Molalla RiverWatch

Molalla RiverWatch is a non-profit organization created in 1992 by a group of local citizens for the purpose of protecting, preserving, and restoring the flora, fauna and water quality of the Molalla River and its tributaries. Molalla RiverWatch is committed to promoting respect and understanding of the Molalla River watershed through education and conservation for present and future generations.

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BLM Salem District Office
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BLM Statewide Law Enforcement
1-800 333-7283

To Report Fires

Oregon Department of Forestry Molalla Unit
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The nearest phone is located 4 miles north of the Recreation Area, at Dickey Prairie Store



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Map and Guide

Molalla River Trails Ratings



- Warm-up Loop Trail: Beginner, Intermediate
- Huckleberry Trail: Beginner
- Rim Trail: (upper section) Intermediate
..... (lower section) Advanced
- Deer Skull Trail: Advanced
- Fern Creek Trail: (upper section) Intermediate
..... (middle section) Beginner/
..... Intermediate
..... (lower section) Intermediate/
..... Advanced
- Looney's Trail: Intermediate
- Clifford's Crossing Trail: ... Advanced
- Americorp Alley Trail: Intermediate
- Amanda's Trail: Intermediate
- Sandquist's Trail: Advanced
- Mark's Trail: Advanced
- Leapfrog Loop Trail: Advanced
- Macbeth Loop Trail: Intermediate
- Elk Run Loop Trail: Intermediate
- Rim Tie Trail: (upper section) Advanced
..... (lower section) Intermediate
- Bear Woods Loop Trail: ... Intermediate
- Squirrel Creek Trail: Intermediate
- Red Vole Trail: Intermediate
- Bobcat Trail: Intermediate

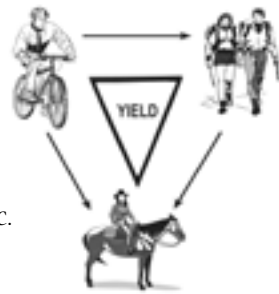
Trails are closed when wet. Gravel roads open year long. Single track trails are closed October 15 - April 15

Hardy Creek is the largest trailhead with ample parking, restroom facility, maps and area information.

When Using the Trails

Be aware of other users: Trails receive heavy use (especially during the summer). Be ready to meet others on the trail.

Ride under control and be able to stop within your sight distance.



Yield to other users: Mountain bikers yield to all other trail traffic. Hikers yield to horse riders.

Avoid using single track trails during wet conditions and obey all trail closure signs to help limit trail damage. T

Stay on established trails in order to preserve vegetation and wildlife habitat. Do not cut switchbacks.



Pack it in - Pack it out: Trash receptacles or services are not provided.

Restroom facilities on the trail system: Keep human body waste at least 200 feet from the river and 50 feet from trails. When possible dig a hole at least 6 inches deep. Please cover any trace of human body waste. Several restroom facilities are located throughout the Molalla River Recreation Area and can be found at the following locations: Hardy Creek Trailhead, Ivor Davies Wayside, and Turner bridge.

Fires allowed on the trail system: Fires are only permitted at designated campsites along the river with provided metal fire rings. T

Do not trespass on private land: The trail system is bordered by private forest land- please stay on BLM land.

Shooting: The Molalla River Area is a high use recreation area and therefore shooting IS NOT permitted anywhere along the river.

Leave No Trace

Plan ahead and prepare: Remember a map and compass; prepare for the weather and emergencies.

Manage waste: Pack out all trash; bring a small trash bag for the trail; inspect rest areas for any trash before leaving; cover and disguise any areas of human waste; keep human waste regulated distances from trails and water.

Preserve the past: Examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts; leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them; avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.

Do not approach wildlife: Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach or feed animals; feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

