



Hat Rock State Park

Where to Find Hat Rock

Hat Rock and the park are off U.S. Highway 730, six miles east of Umatilla and 12 miles north of I-84.

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Hat Rock State Park is an oasis lying below a signature landmark. Tall shade trees and acres of green grass in the midst of a hilly, rocky landscape invite picnicking. Trails encourage exploring. A boat ramp offers access to Lake Wallula, a high desert reservoir filled by the Columbia River.



About the Rock

Scenically and historically, Hat Rock is one of Oregon's most distinctive landmarks.

Rising some 70 feet above its base, the monolith was the first landform in Oregon named in the journals of Lewis and Clark. On October 19, 1805, Captain William Clark made this note:

"... S.W. 14 miles a rock in a Lar.d (larboard or left side of the boat) resembling a hat just below a rapid at the lower Point of an Island in the Midl: [sic] of the river ..."

On a map, he labeled it "Hat Rock."

Geologists say Hat Rock, and another outcropping in the park known as Boat Rock, are remnants of a 12-million year old basalt flow. Catastrophic Ice Age floods eventually left both outcroppings and others exposed as they scoured the Columbia River Gorge.

Hat Rock was probably a landmark for Native American travelers before the Corps of Discovery arrived. Archaeological probes have yielded evidence of the earlier travelers' presence in the vicinity.

Old maps show that wagon trails existing in the mid-1800s followed routes near the landmark, crossing the area now occupied by the park.

Inside the Park...

... an inviting day-use area includes:

- 50 picnic tables, and four reservable group areas. To reserve group picnic areas, call 1-800-452-5687.
- A large pond for fishing. The pond is a spring-fed arm of Lake Wallula and is stocked with rainbow trout.
- A boat ramp with access to Lake Wallula, a 64-mile-long reservoir enjoyed by modern-day boating explorers, waterskiers, jetskiers and waterfowl hunters. Anglers can fish for walleye, sturgeon and other varieties.
- The Hat Rock Trail leading to a close-up view of Hat Rock.
- A sand court for volleyball play.
- Three ADA accessible restrooms.

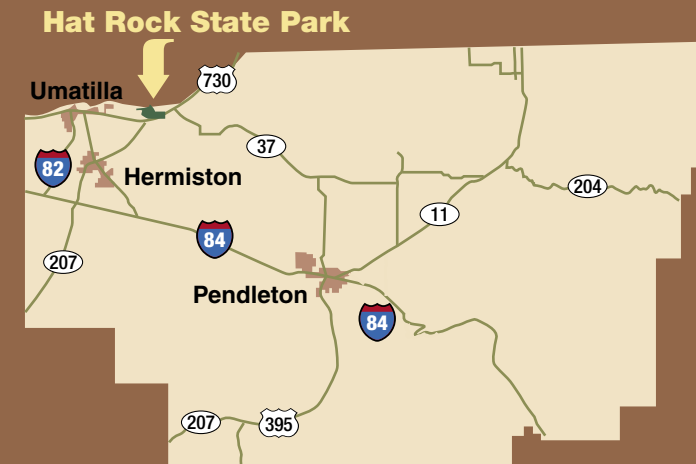
Along the Trails

The Hat Rock Trail ascends to the base of Hat Rock and offers a chance to enjoy nature along the pond. Interpretive displays tell about the area's wildlife and past volcanic activity. A short spur leads across the pond to the 10-mile Umatilla County Lewis and Clark Commemorative Trail and a Lake Wallula overlook. You will find information there about the trail and the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Appreciating the Wildlife

The park's pond, its lakeside position and its irrigated expanses are home to abundant waterfowl. Barn owls live on cliffs above Lake Wallula. Eagles also spend winters along the lakeshore. Beavers, muskrats and deer are among the resident mammals.





Boat ramp and dock.



From Hat Rock Trail.



Hiking, biking, horse trail along Lake Wallula on the Columbia River.