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Olympic Peninsula's *Waterfall Trail* Offers Year 'Round Adventure

Diverse terrain, seasonal splendor and a new experience with every visit

Port Angeles, Wash., May 1, 2008 – Of all the natural wonders for which the scenic Olympic Peninsula is known, the region's geographically diverse collection of waterfalls remains a well-kept secret. Sprinkled amongst abundant mountains, pristine rivers and lush green forest canopies, these stunning hidden gems offer a new experience with every season, and are best explored in a variety of modes. While several of the falls are wheelchair accessible, others require backcountry hiking or are best viewed from the water. In an effort to make the falls more accessible to everyone, the Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau has created a new web page that identifies more than 20 cascades, with photos, driving directions and information on best viewing times. Visit www.visitolympicpeninsula.com <<http://www.visitolympicpeninsula.com>> and click on Waterfalls, or call 800.942.4042.

"There are so many gorgeous falls on the Olympic Peninsula and yet few people know where they are or how to get to them," says Diane Schostak, director of the Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau. "The web page is full of helpful details. It features a map that pinpoints the location of each falls, and includes useful information such as accessibility and GPS coordinates."

The falls are located in three primary areas within and around Olympic National Park and the Olympic National Forest; the North Olympic Peninsula, the Hood Canal, and the Quinault Valley. Their geographic diversity and the ever-evolving natural beauty that surrounds the falls will inspire visitors to enjoy them year 'round.

[North Olympic Peninsula Falls](#)

Situated in rainforest country on the North Olympic Peninsula, Maple Creek Falls is a small but picturesque cascade hidden along the south shore of the Hoh River. Best viewed from the water, visitors can book a raft trip from the upper Hoh River on the west side of Olympic National Park.

Falls Creek Falls is found approximately nine miles south of Third Beach near La Push, in the South Coast Wilderness area of Olympic National Park. This 40-foot waterfall on Falls Creek in the Goodman Creek estuary can be viewed by backpackers traveling the wilderness coast south of Tokeak Point.

Other falls located on the North Olympic Peninsula include Madison Creek and Wolf Creek Falls on the Elwha River; Marymere Falls on Lake Crescent; Sol Duc Falls on the Upper Sol Duc River; and Mineral Falls on the Upper Hoh River.

Hood Canal Area Falls

Ludlow (Creek) Falls near Hood Canal is a delightful two-tier falls flowing down and across an exposed basalt monolith, accessible on an informative half-mile interpretive trail at Port Ludlow. The falls can be viewed year 'round.

Falls View Falls, found within Falls View Campground just off US Highway 101 between Quilcene and Brinnon, is an 80-120 foot "horsetail-type" seasonal waterfall. It is visible on the far slope of a steep Quilcene River canyon.

Other falls along the Hood Canal include Wynoochee Falls on the Wynoochee River; Hamma Hamma Falls on the Hamma Hamma River; and Vincent Creek Falls on the Skokomish River.

Quinault Valley Falls

The Quinault Valley contains the highest concentration of waterfalls viewable reasonably close to the roadside and on short trails. Visitors can enjoy Willaby Creek Falls, Gatton Creek Falls, Merriman and Bunch Creek Falls, all located on Lake Quinault's South Shore Road, in a pleasant day trip.

The scores of seasonal falls that spring forth from the high mountainsides of the mile-long *Enchanted Valley* deep within Olympic National Park are a marvel for the backcountry hiker to behold during the spring and summer months. The trail to the Enchanted Valley follows the east fork of the Quinault River for 13 miles, and is a wonderful trip in itself.

Lodging

The Olympic Peninsula offers a variety of lodging venues including hotels and lodges, B&Bs, cabins and camping facilities for a perfect weekend getaway -- or longer. Visit www.visitolympicpeninsula.com [<http://www.visitolympicpeninsula.com>](http://www.visitolympicpeninsula.com) for seasonal specials.

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