HIKING AT SKAMANIA LODGE
The trail system at Skamania Lodge offers over four miles of hiking paths on the property. There are magnificent views of the surrounding Columbia River Gorge and Cascade Mountains. Skamania Lodge offers a splendid opportunity to sample some of the Pacific Northwest’s natural beauty.

HIKING IN THE COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE
The Columbia River Gorge is renowned for the abundance of hiking trails. The Pacific Crest Trail (which runs from Canada to Mexico) crosses within 3 miles of the Lodge, offering close access to the trail. There are many day hikes in the area that show off the local waterfalls and spring wildflowers, including Oneonta Creek, Oneonta Gorge to Multnomah Falls (Gorge Trail #400), Eagle Creek Trail, Ponytail Falls, Wahkeena Falls, Cape Horn, Catherine Creek and Ruckle Ridge.

Other popular hiking areas in the Columbia River Gorge include Wind Mountain, Dog Mountain, Hamilton Mountain, Beacon Rock State Park and Fort Cascades Interpretive Trail. The Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mount Hood National Forest are outside the Gorge, but very accessible from the Lodge.

Prior to hiking, obtain professional information, details and maps from the U.S. Forest Service offices located in the Columbia River Gorge. (A Forest Service desk is on-site in Skamania Lodge’s lobby.) Many hiking areas in the Gorge are seasonal.

CLIMATE
The climate in the Columbia River Gorge varies dramatically. The summer months from mid-July to October are normally a mild temperature, ranging in the 70s to the 80s. Evenings do cool down considerably, sometimes encouraged by a summer rain shower.

The winter months bring showers and an occasional snowstorm. Temperatures in the winter vary from the mid-30s to 50s. Winter months can be cold with Gorge winds.

It is always advisable to bring layers of warm and rain-protective clothing and outerwear when visiting the Gorge. Always be prepared for any change in weather conditions.
**CREEK LOOP TRAIL**

The Creek Loop Trail is the easiest of Skamania Lodge’s three hiking trails. You will begin your hike at the Golf Shop and turn right, passing the 9th green of the golf course. The trail will take you toward a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the course’s 4th hole, the Columbia River and the Benson Plateau. It then follows the path of Foster Creek, meandering through the forest and crossing the creek twice via footbridges. As you near the 17th tee of the golf course, the trail joins the Lake Loop Trail at Lilly Pad Lake, where our guests report seeing many kinds wildlife, including birds, frogs, turtles and deer. The Creek Loop Trail then continues through the forest, traveling between the 11th and 18th fairways, crossing a local wetland bog on a long footbridge, and then returning to the Golf Pro Shop where the trail ends.

Creek Loop Trail: 1.5 Miles  
Hike Level: Moderate

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**LAKE LOOP TRAIL**

This trail begins at the Golf Pro Shop, but turns left and goes past the 11th fairway, continuing behind the cart path near the 12th tee, and coming out behind the 13th green. Following the trail, go down the hill and behind the 14th green where you will see Wy’East Lake on your left. Walk along part of the lake and you will emerge near a picnic area between and behind the 12th green and 13th tee. Then follow the gravel service road along the shore of Lilly Pad Lake to the junction with the Creek Loop Trail, and return to the Golf Pro Shop. For a bit longer hike, you can turn left and follow the Creek Loop Trail in a reverse path to its starting point.

Lake Loop Trail: 1.75 Miles  
Hike Level: Moderate

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**GORGE LOOP TRAIL**

The shortest and most challenging of our three hiking paths, Gorge Loop Trail begins and ends at the Fitness Center/Playground area. From there, carefully cross the driveway to a paved path overlooking the tennis courts and (a bit further down) the 5th fairway. Stay in the woods and follow the trail uphill to a magnificent viewing area overlooking the 7th fairway and featuring glimpses of the Columbia River. Proceed down the hill into a canyon, where you will begin a switchback climb back up the hill and then emerge behind the 7th green. During this stretch of the hike, be sure to look for views of the Bridge of the Gods. Follow the cart path down and across the main driveway, and return to the Lodge on the paved footpath. This is also a fitness trail with several workout stations.

Gorge Loop Trail: 1 Mile  
Fitness Course  
Hike Level: Challenging