

# Wear comfy shoes, then get naked

## Four Oregon hikes put the wonder in winter wonderland



This is the only tub that allows nudity at Bagby Hot Springs.

### Bagby Hot Springs

Distance from CCC: 67.8 miles, 2 hours

Length of Trail: 1.3 miles

Parking Fee: \$5 per person

Take a nice long soak in an outdoor hot tub at Bagby. This hot spring is located 67.8 miles from Clackamas Community College.

It is a two-hour drive out to the Mt. Hood National Forest. The hike is more for experience than working out. The trail is 1.3 miles of fairly flat land, with the exception of a few hills but nothing a 65-year-old man or woman couldn't handle. There is also a camping ground that's connected to the bottom of the trail.

Bagby has many perks, one of them being that this is a great spot to hike at any time of the year. This hot spring really knows how to take the edge off in winter and in the summer you can take advantage of the ice cold Collawash River, about 7 miles NE.

Once you get to Bagby, you'll run into many magical treasures so keep your eyes peeled. One very magical treasure is the "fairy hole," where fellow hikers leave goodies for wildlife or other hikers to find. There's also a wishing well below one of the many bridges along the trail. When you arrive at the springs, you'll see three bath houses. One contains five single tubs and one community tub. The lower bath house contains three single tubs and one community tub. In the upper bath house located about 100 yards from the other two, there is one more tub for soaking in private. So grab your suit, a towel, \$5 per person, a friend and go explore the Mt. Hood National Forest.

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### Silver Falls State Park

Distance from CCC: 39.6 miles, 55 minutes

Length of Trail: 7.2 miles

Parking Fee: \$5

Silver Falls State Park has many enticing features that make it one to visit year after year. The park contains multiple trails including a hike called the "Trail of Ten Falls," which is seven miles long.

It embodies all that nature is. There are breathtaking waterfalls and soothing creeks that run alongside the trails. Trees soar up into the sky and surround you in their bright greenery.

Although you can't always see the multitude of birds resting in the trees, you can always hear their small chirps. Silver Falls is alluring regardless of the season. In the winter, the surrounding trees and creeks turn white with the fallen snow transforming it into a frozen paradise.

In the spring, the trails are a luminous hue of green as the leaves shine from rain water. Although it's not ideal to hike in the rain, it's a natural wonder to watch the drops of rain disturb the surface of the water. The sound it makes is indescribable. In the summer, the springs serve a new purpose. There are deep water holes along the trails perfect for cooling off after a long hike in the sun.

In the fall, the park is unlike anything else. The rushing water of the falls paired with the trickle of the creeks creates an echoing symphony. The trails, rocks, logs and trees are covered in green, orange, yellow and red leaves. Regardless of the season, Silver Falls is sure to provide outdoor lovers with a unique experience.

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This is one of the many beautiful waterfalls you will see at Silver Falls State Park.