

Columbia Hills State Park is a Gorge wonder

DALLESPORT, Wash. (AP) – It's hard to overstate the grandeur of the Columbia River Gorge, and Columbia Hills State Park takes in a sweeping mountainside of that grandeur, plus a riverside trove of cultural artifacts that may be unmatched in the Northwest.

For an experience nothing like what you might find at crowded parks such as Deception Pass, drive up winding, graveled Dalles Mountain Road here and search out the one-room pioneer hut – “cabin” is too grand a term – built by Henry Brune, a German war hero from the Franco-Prussian War of 1870.

Stand alone at his doorway – you might be the only person for miles around – and look down on countless graduated slopes and plateaus of windblown grassland and high desert. Built by lava flows and scoured by ancient floods, the land is crinkled from time and erosion, probably much like the lined face of Brune himself were he still around to take it in.

In April and May, cheerful yellow flowers of arrowleaf balsamroot waggle in the breezes next to purple lupine among the grasses. Pockets of gnarled oaks and Osage orange, planted by early settlers, line gulches.

On a clear day, Mount Hood rises like a shark fin to

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the southwest, across the Columbia River. If you hike from the park's upper boundary two miles up a gated road to the top of 3,200-foot Stacker Butte, you get an eyeful of Hood, Mount Adams, Mount Rainier, Mount Jefferson and more in “a 360-degree view that will just knock your socks off,” says Ranger Andy Kallinen, who runs this 3,338-acre park in south-central Washington.

What makes it a gem

Upland grandeur aside, the cultural artifacts documenting Native American life on the river's shore, along with history related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition, put this park on our Seattle Times “state park gems” list.

For hundreds of years the riverbank here was the site of the native Wishram people's main village, called Nix lui dix, or “The Trading Place.” Situated between famed Celilo Falls and narrow river channels just downstream, it was an ideal place to catch salmon, attracting tribes from

throughout the Pacific Northwest to fish and trade.

Explorers Lewis and Clark stayed at the village on both legs of their journey, westward in 1805 and returning east the following spring. They wrote of it as the first place in the Northwest they found “large and comodious (sic)” native homes built of wood – Chinookan-style lodges.

The lower park and campground around Horsethief Lake is “intimate and comfortable, and a beautiful spot with a lot of history,” campground host Andy Forrest, from Kirkland, said as he and his wife, Julie, warmed themselves by a campfire on a cool spring morning. “We like American history, and we've been interested in Lewis and Clark for a number of years.”

“And you can see a part of the Oregon Trail from here,” added Julie, pointing across the Columbia to a diagonal line in the canyon wall, where remnants of a wagon path still lead down to the water – a detour route used when a creek was too high on the main trail.

What you won't find everywhere

Nix lui dix, along with Celilo Falls, was buried under water from The Dalles Dam in 1957, but many artifacts remain, including ancient rock paintings (pictographs) and carvings (petroglyphs),



She Who Watches

some rescued from the flooding and brought to the park for outside display and others in their original rock cliffs overlooking the village site.

On my visit, a group of Oregon State Parks staff toured the park and was lucky to meet near the river's edge with Viola Kalama, 90, a Warm Springs tribal member who grew up in Nix lui dix. She told stories of the Gorge's most famous petroglyph, Tsagaglallal, or “She Who Watches,” a large, wide-eyed face with a knowing grin that can still be clearly seen in a basalt wall overlooking the Columbia.

“We'd play and run all along those cliffs and there were petroglyphs all along. We'd try to hide but that face would keep watching us! The face lady was the ruler of the land,” Kalama said. “This was

sands of years ago.

Not to be missed

Stories vary as to how Horsethief Lake and neighboring Horsethief Butte got their names. Some say robbers swooped down from the butte to stop westbound trains carrying horses bound for the Klondike in the 1890s. Others suggest that dam builders in the 1950s thought the area looked like a setting for a Hollywood western and bequeathed the name.

In any case, they are two of the park's primary recreational features.

The 90-acre Horsethief Lake is an impoundment of the dam-raised river, cut off by a railroad causeway, though small culverts provide an outlet. Fishing and boating are attractions, with pedal boats and other rentals in summer months.

On weekends, Portland-area rock climbers flock to the 500-foot walls of Horsethief Butte. A recently built parking area off Highway 14 serves as trailhead for an easy walk that skirts dramatic basalt spires and offers on-high views of the broad river and passing barges. Some trails enable a scramble/boulder hop to the top. Beware of rattlesnakes, poison oak, ticks and occasional high winds.

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs. Leanne Teeman, Respondent; Case No. CR148-11. TO: Leanne Teeman:

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