

The riparian habitat is home to deer, elk, squirrel, beaver, mountain beaver, raccoon, fox, coyote, cougar and bear. Near the water you may find rough skinned newt, Pacific tree frog, Pacific giant salamander, and the common garter snake.

Wildlife



Creation of the Cascade Mountains began 40 million years ago during the Eocene era (54.8-33.7 mya). The basic geology and the soils derived from the Molalla watershed are igneous rocks such as basalt, andesite and others derived from volcanic ash. Look for unique formations like basalt columns (below)during your visit.

Geology



The forest canopy is dominated by Douglas fir, as well as western hemlock, western red cedar, big leaf maple, black cottonwood and red alder. Understory trees include dogwood and vine maple. A variety of wildflowers are found along the rocky cliffs and roadsides, while many types of ferns thrive in moist canyons.

Forest Composition

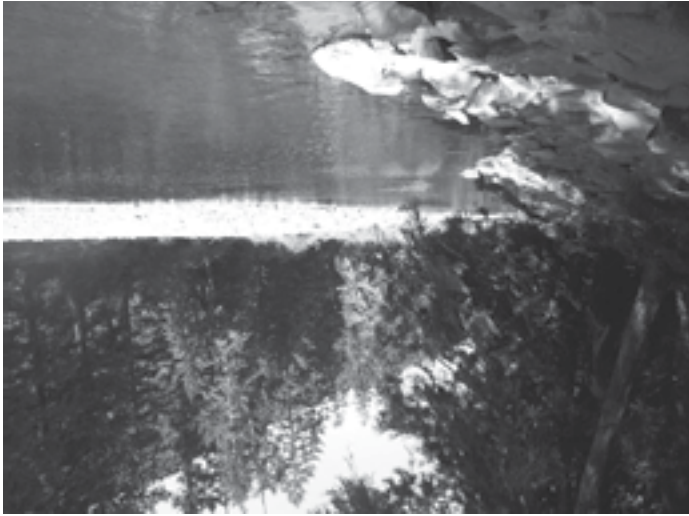


- American dipper
- Great blue heron
- Belted kingfisher
- Common merganser
- Osprey
- Turkey vulture
- Red tailed hawk
- Bald Eagle
- Golden eagle
- Sharp-shinned hawk

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Birds

The Molalla River Valley, occasionally offering scenic glimpses of the forests and mountains of the Cascade Range. The system offers a variety of difficulty levels for a wide range of mountain biking, hiking and horseback riding enthusiasts. Trails are generally marked with directional signs and levels of difficulty. The best equestrian access to the trail system is from Hardy Creek or Annie's Cabin Trailheads where there is ample parking for horse trailers. Mountain bikers and hikers may prefer to access the trail system via Amandas, AmeriCorp, and Sandquists Trailheads.



The Molalla river riparian area provides excellent habitat for common aquatic bird species, including : provides riparian habitat for species unique to the lower west slope of the Cascade Mountains. The area is home to many terrestrial and aquatic species, and provides habitat for a number of threatened fish and bird species. Riparian habitats adjacent to rivers and streams offer particularly high quality habitat for numerous species and allow for wildlife viewing opportunities.

The Molalla River Recreation Area Trails

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Molalla RiverWatch

Molalla RiverWatch is a non-profit organization created in 1992 by a group of local citizens for the purpose of protecting, preserving, and restoring the flora, fauna and water quality of the Molalla River and its tributaries. Molalla RiverWatch is committed to promoting respect and understanding of the Molalla River watershed through education and conservation for present and future generations.

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The nearest phone is located 4 miles north of the Recreation Area, at Dickey Prairie Store



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## Map and Guide







