

Bonneville Lock and Dam

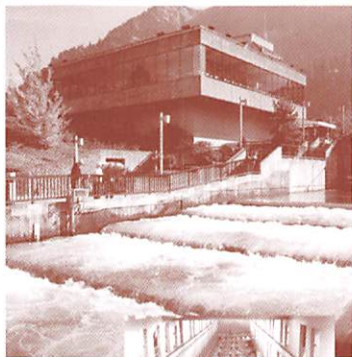
*A National Historic Landmark
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History

Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated Bonneville Lock and Dam, in September 1937. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built this public works project during the Great Depression of the 1930s to put people back to work, generate power, and improve navigation on the Columbia River. Soon after, more generators were added to provide energy for building ships and



aircraft during World War II. In later years, the addition of a second powerhouse doubled electrical output. Bonneville can provide the power needs for 500,000 Northwest homes. A second lock replaced the original lock in 1993. Bonneville is part of a series of locks on the Columbia-Snake waterway allowing vessels to transport people and valuable commodities 465 miles from the Pacific Ocean to Lewiston, Idaho.



What to do

On both sides of the dam you may view the inside of a massive powerhouse. During spring, summer, and fall, view migrating salmon as they swim past windows in the fish ladder. Visitor centers include films and displays about salmon, hydropower, and river navigation. On the Oregon side the state operated Bonneville Fish Hatchery raises salmon and features displays, a film, and an underwater view of large sturgeon. On the Washington side the Fort Cascades Self-Guided Trail winds through a forested area about 1 mile west of the second powerhouse.

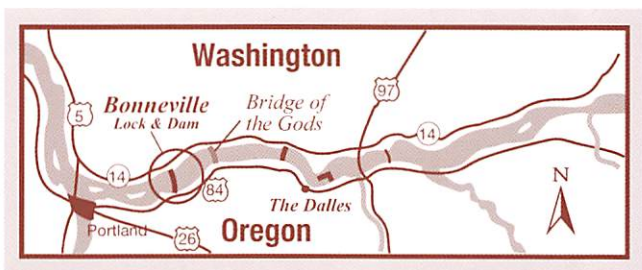


Directions

Located in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area 40 miles east of Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington, Bonneville Lock and Dam spans the Columbia River. Take Interstate 84 to exit 40, or Washington State



Highway 14 from Vancouver to milepost 39. The Bridge of the Gods, about three miles east of Bonneville, provides the nearest public route between Oregon and Washington.



National Historic Landmark

Bonneville Lock and Dam was placed on the National Register of Historic Places as an historic district in 1986. The district was later designated as a National Historic Landmark.



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