



# High Valley Farm

A National forest site



## Location:

This parcel of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is located in Washington's Skamania County, just west of Beacon Rock State Park at 1502 Smith-Cripe Road, off Route 14. It is part of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

## Specific Directions:

We will meet at the turnaround below the gate.

From I-84: Take Exit 44 - 'Cascade Locks and the Bridge of the Gods'. Cross the Bridge of the Gods (75-cent toll) and turn Left (West) onto State Hwy 14. Continue for about 12 miles. \*Turn Right (North) onto Smith-Cripe Road (located between mile markers 29 & 30, just past "St. Cloud Recreation Area").

\*\*Take this winding, steep road 0.9 miles (pavement ends ½ mile in) to the 'T' and turn Right. Follow 0.4 miles to road's end - there is a circular turnaround for the bus. Please park leaving room for the bus.

From Vancouver: Travel East on Hwy 14 for about 20 miles (distance from I-205 junction.) There is a small yellow sign on the Right for Smith-Cripe Road. Turn Left (North) onto Smith-Cripe Road. Follow directions from \*\* above. (If you hit Beacon Rock, you've gone too far.)

From points East: Follow directions from \* above.

## Site Description:

Before being acquired by the Forest Service in March on 1998, the High Valley Farm site was a commune (in the 1960's) and family-owned property before that. The land was farmed for many decades, and had residential buildings on it until recently.

## Site Specific Safety:

**HORNETS.** Look out for nests. If someone is stung, keep student calm and treat as a flesh wound. If swelling away from the bite site, increased anxiety, or trouble breathing occurs, contact Wolf tree staff immediately by radio.

**ROCKS.** Beware of rocky footing in the woods and on the talus slope. Students should not be climbing the talus slope, or throwing rocks in this area.

**SLOPE TO CREEK.** The descent to the creek is very steep and densely vegetated.

**FENCING.** Beware of old fence in the meadows and in the forest.

**HUNTERS.** This is a public site, so be aware there may be other people, including hunters.

**BLACKBERRY.** Beware of Himalayan Blackberry and watch kids aren't walking through with bare arms or legs.

## Emergency Information:

1. 911
2. Hospital: Hood River Providence  
13th in May Streets  
P.O. Box 149  
Hood River, OR 97031  
Phone (541) 386-3911  
  
Skyline Hospital  
211 Skyline Dr.  
P.O. Box 99  
White Salmon, WA 98672  
Phone (509) 493-1101