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# Thundering Waters

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**Lemolo Falls (low flow)**

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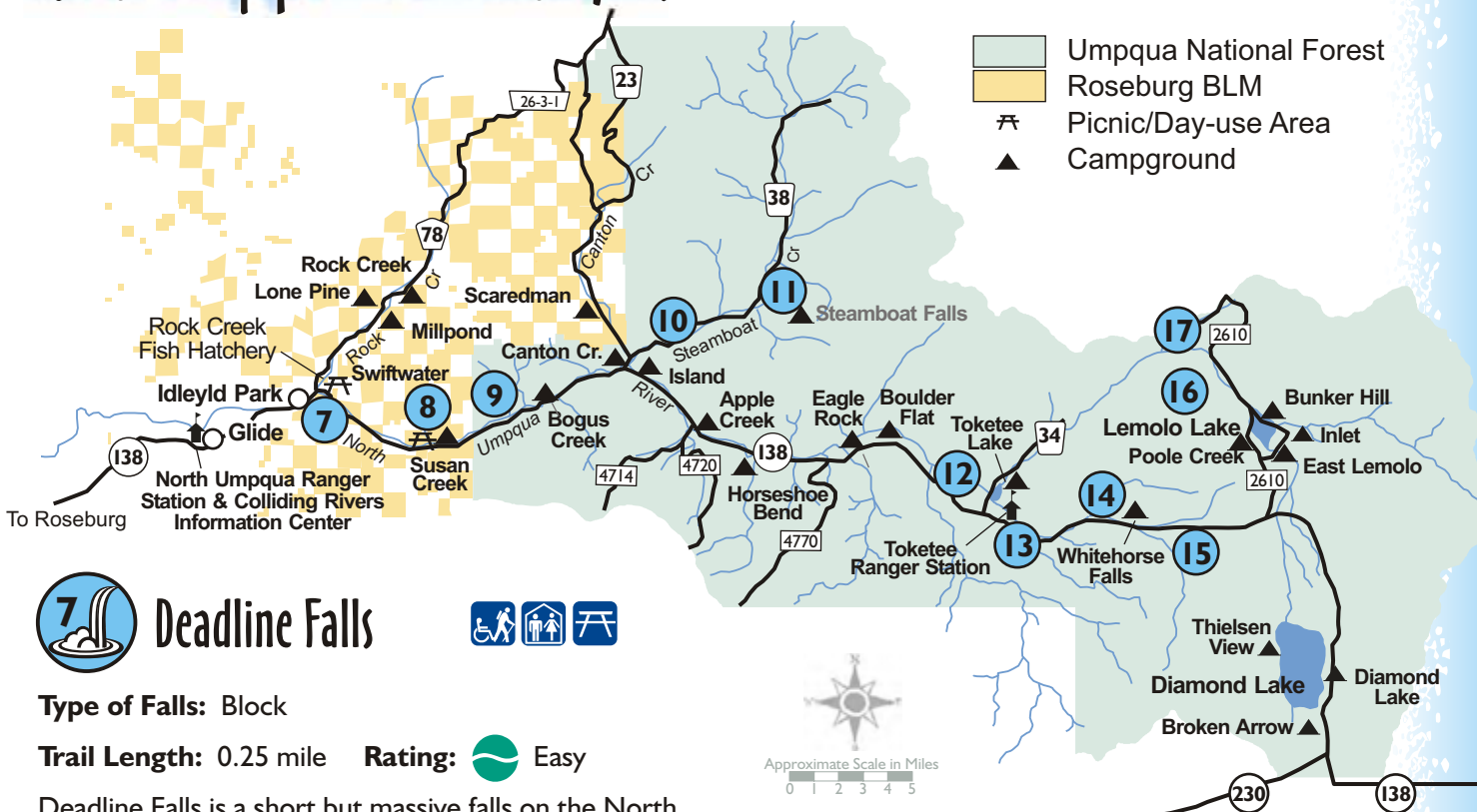
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*Toketee Falls*



# North Umpqua River Waterfalls



## Deadline Falls



**Type of Falls:** Block

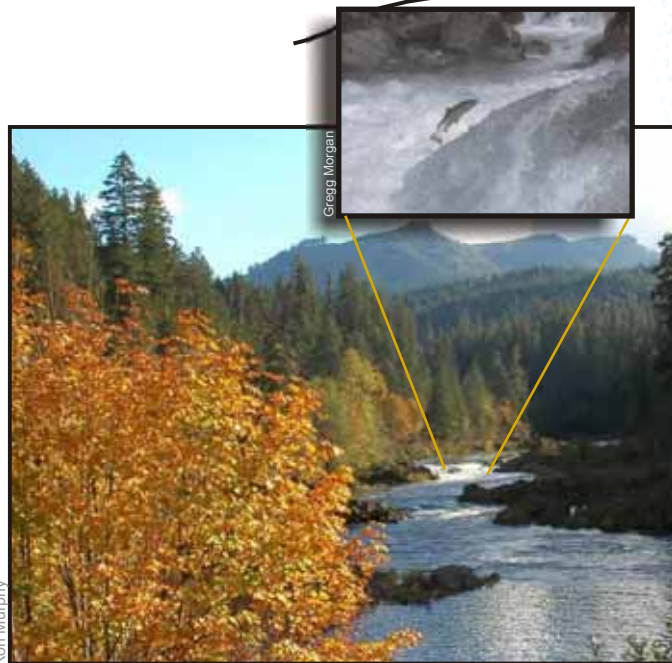
**Trail Length:** 0.25 mile **Rating:** Easy

Deadline Falls is a short but massive falls on the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River. Between May and October, anadromous (sea-run) steelhead and salmon may be observed jumping up the powerful falls on their journey from the ocean to spawn in the tributary waters of the Cascade Mountains. A 100-foot side trail to the Deadline Falls Watchable Wildlife Site is located a quarter-mile up the North Umpqua Trail from the beginning of the Tioga Segment at the Swiftwater Trailhead. It is accessible to people with disabilities, and popular with seniors and families with young children.

**Directions:** At milepost 22.1 on Hwy. 138, turn south crossing Swiftwater bridge, then immediately turn left into trailhead parking area. This area is the western-most end of the 79-mile North Umpqua Trail.

**Nearby Attractions:** Swiftwater Day-Use Area, Swiftwater County Park, Rock Creek Fish Hatchery, Susan Creek Campground.

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Deadline Falls, North Umpqua River





## Susan Creek Falls



**Type of Falls:** Fan

**Trail Length:** 0.8 mile (Accessible)

**Rating:**   Easy   Moderate

This spectacular waterfall drops 50 feet over moss-lined rock cliffs. The 0.8 mile trail is moderately accessible to people with disabilities. After reaching the falls, hikers can continue on a difficult trail (not disabled accessible), 0.4 mile to the Susan Creek Indian Mounds. Here, Indian boys approaching manhood built stone piles, then spent the night in search of a vision from a guardian spirit.

**Directions:** At milepost 28.2 on Hwy. 138.

**Nearby Attractions:** Susan Creek Day-Use Area, Susan Creek Campground, Fall Creek Falls.

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### Hint

Photos taken under high contrasts of light and dark (sun and shadows) result in lower quality waterfall photos. Look for light overcast days to minimize the contrast, or shoot in early morning or later afternoon when the sun angle is low for higher quality photos.

*Susan Creek Falls*



## Fall Creek Falls



**Type of Falls:** Tiered/Fan

**Trail Length:** 1 mile **Rating:**  Moderate

A one-mile trail passes through a narrow bedrock crevice and lush vegetation to a double falls with tiers of 35 and 50-feet. It is a good walk for families with a few moderately steep climbs. Job's Garden Trail takes off at the 0.5 mile point, leading to the base of a basalt columnar rock outcropping.

**Directions:** At milepost 32.2 on Hwy. 138. Trailhead parking is on north side of the highway.

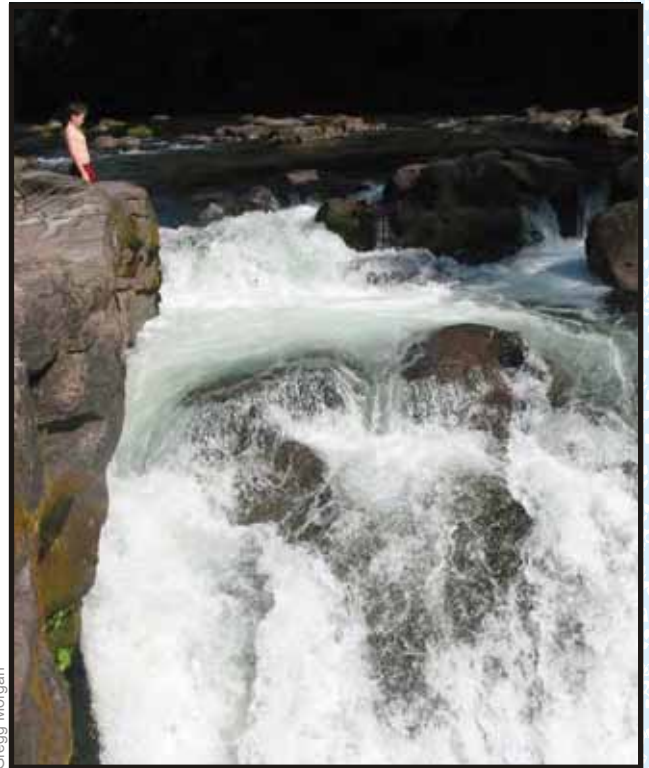
**Nearby Attractions:** Susan Creek Falls, Susan Creek Campground, Bogus Creek Campground, Wright Creek Trailhead.

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Terry Klingenberg

Fall Creek Falls



Gregg Morgan

Little Falls



## Little Falls

**Type of Falls:** Segmented

**Falls located next to unpaved parking along road**

**Rating:**  Easy

Located on Steamboat Creek, this small but powerful waterfall pours over large basalt boulders and cliffs. Parking at the site is limited, additional parking space is available up-stream along Road 38.

**Directions:** At milepost 38.3 on Hwy. 138, turn north on Steamboat Road #38. Proceed 1.3 miles up Road 38. Falls are visible along the right side of the road.

**Nearby Attractions:** Canton Creek Campground, Island Campground, Steamboat Falls, Steamboat Inn.

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## Steamboat Falls

(No photograph)



**Type of Falls:** Block

**Trail Length:** 100 feet **Rating:**  Easy

Located at the Steamboat Falls Campground (near campsites 5 and 6), early summer visitors (May through July) can see steelhead attempting to jump the 25-foot falls adjacent to the fish ladder.

**Directions:** At milepost 38.3 on Hwy. 138, turn north on Steamboat Road #38. Drive 5.3 miles to Road 3810, turn right and stay to the left 0.6 mile to Steamboat Falls Campground entrance.

**Nearby Attractions:** Steamboat Inn, Canton Creek Campground, Little Falls.

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## Toketee Falls



**Type of Falls:** Tiered

**Trail Length:** 0.4 mile **Rating:**  Moderate

A trail leads visitors through an old-growth forest along the North Umpqua River with views of cascading water through a narrow rock gorge. The trail has 200 steps leading to a sturdy deck overlooking the two-tiered falls. The upper descent drops 40-feet, and the lower falls plunge 80-feet over a sheer wall of volcanic basalt. In the Chinook language, the word "Toketee" means "pretty", or "graceful", an apt name for this inspiring waterfall. The trail is for hikers only.

**Directions:** At milepost 58.6 on Hwy. 138 turn north onto Road 34. Stay left at the Y and cross the bridge. Trailhead road is 200 feet on the left.

**Nearby Attractions:** Toketee Lake Campground, Toketee Ranger Station, Watson Falls.

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Toketee Falls





## Watson Falls



**Type of Falls:** Plunge  
**Trail Length:** 0.4 mile  
**Rating:**  Moderate

This majestic waterfall is the highest in southwest Oregon, plunging 272 feet over the edge of a basalt lava flow. A wooden bridge crosses Watson Creek 0.3 mile from the trailhead, and offers an excellent view of the falls. The falls are also visible from the parking area.

**Directions:** At milepost 60.5 on Hwy. 138, turn south on to Road 37. Parking is on the right.

**Nearby Attractions:** Toketee Lake Campground, Toketee Falls.

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