

- 1947 – 49:** National Park Service deeded 5,989.58 (6,305?) acres to the State restricted to Park and Recreational use only. The Highway Commission paid \$1 an acre.
- 1951:** Overnight camp was constructed. Samuel Boardman succeeded as State Park Superintendent by Chester Armstrong. (Langille, 1953)
- 1952:** Attendance totaled 242,742 day visitors.
- 1953:** Davidsons' barn was altered to "The Ranch."
- 1955:** Conservative Baptist Association agreed to construct a pool at North Falls. (Armstrong, 1965)
- 1956:** Recreation hall built at North Falls. (Armstrong, 1965)
- 1956:** South Falls Lodge closed.
- 1956:** Salem YMCA agreed to build a swimming pool at the Silver Creek Youth Camp. (Armstrong, 1965)
- 1963:** Attendance totaled 305,560 day visitors and 12,797 overnight stays. (Armstrong, 1965)
- 1972:** A swimming area and other day use area improvements were added. (Proposed in original NPS master plan of 1940.)
- 1972:** New Ranch built.
- 1973:** Four-mile bicycle trail constructed.
- 1977:** Mother's Day: Park volunteer Blanche Sweger founds the first annual Mother's Day Wildflower Show.
- 1977 – 80:** Conference Center was constructed at the site of the declining Smith Creek Camp.
- 1978:** South Falls Lodge reopened after being restored as a visitor and nature center.
- 1978:** December: The first Christmas Festival held in the South Falls Lodge.
- 1982:** Updated Silver Falls Master Plan completed.
- 1983:** 9 acre area including the historic Silver Falls Lodge and South Falls viewpoint listed by the National Register of Historic Places.
- 1984:** The late Leo Cieslak bequeathed 160 acres.
- 1985:** The 1249th Engineer Battalion of the Oregon National Guard completed several projects including the construction a new vehicle bridge and camp loop road (B-Loop), new jogging trail, two playgrounds, and several new buildings in the shop maintenance complex.
- 1986:** The Friends of Silver Falls State Park founded as a non-profit organization with the mission to support the park.
- 1988:** Campground B-Loop completed.
- 1990:** January 1: Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department became independent agency; separate from Oregon State Highway Department—later to become Oregon Department of Transportation.
- 1992:** Updated Silver Falls Master Plan completed.
- 1992:** Mother's Day: Friends of Silver Falls State Park opens the Nature Store in the South Falls Lodge.
- 1994:** Silver Creek Canyon Trail listed on the Register of National Recreation Trail in perpetuity. (Letter from Secretary of the Interior, July 15, 1994)
- 1996:** A one hundred-year flood early in the year takes out two bridges on the "Trail of Ten Falls."
- 1998:** Paver path project in South Falls Day use began.
- 1998 – 99:** Cabin Loop cabins constructed.
- 1998 – 99:** Lodge restoration.
- 1999:** Picnic Shelters rebuilt.
- 2000:** July: Covered bridge connecting Campground and Cabin Loop completed.
- 2001:** South Falls View Point reconfigured.
- 2003:** New playground installed in Campground B Loop.
- 2003:** Restoration of the Lodge garage complete.
- 2005:** Restoration of the CCC Combination Building begun.
- 2006:** Oregon Parks and Recreation Department purchased 2 parcels of land totaling 365 acres from the DeSantis family, bringing the total acreage to 9,064.
- 2008:** CCC Combination Building rededicated.
- 2008:** In January 2008, Fred Girod of the Oregon House of Representatives sought federal designation of Silver Falls State Park as a national park via a house joint memorial to the United States Congress. The bill died in committee.
- 2009:** Updated Silver Falls Master Plan completed.
- 2009:** July 13: Grand opening of the Nature Store in the retrofitted CCC Log Cabin.
- 2010:** Cell tower erected in the Silver Falls forest.
- 2010:** Natural Play Area at North Falls Group Camp begun.
- 2010:** Phase 1 of the Interpretive Plan begun. Includes panels at the Combination Building; kiosks at North Falls, South Falls, and South View Point; and panels at access points of the South Falls Historic District.

NOTE: *This document is a work in progress and is currently in draft form. Footnotes need to be added and dates cross-referenced. Construction and building dates may reflect the beginning, middle, or end of a project—most projects span more than one year.*