

The Mystery of Swim

A century ago, Government Camp had a close neighbor you won't find on modern maps. Located just off the historic Barlow Road near the present-day Still Creek Campground and Summit Meadows, Swim was a bustling mountain hub. Founded in 1920, the resort boasted a general store, post office, and a year-round warm-springs-fed "heated" swimming pool. Long before the modern resorts we know today, Swim was home to a large bathhouse, rental cabins, a toboggan run, and the first Nordic ski jump on Mt Hood.

Event Overview:

Join us as we step back in time to explore this forgotten chapter of mountain history.

Date: Saturday May 30th Time: **10:00 am SOLD OUT!**

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Capacity: Strictly limited to (40) participants

Cost - \$100 per person (includes one raffle ticket) Extra raffle tickets - \$25 each, or 5 for \$100

Tickets are on sale now - secure your spot by calling the Museum at: 503-272-3301

The Itinerary:

Lunch and Lore - we'll begin at the Museum with lunch. While you eat, our staff will present an overview of the history of Swim, featuring archival photos and forgotten stories.

The Expedition - we will caravan to the Highway 26 ODOT parking area for a guided half-mile hike down the wagon-rutted path of the Historic Barlow Road.

The Site Visit - walk the grounds where the township once stood. We will identify the location of the post office and general store, see foundations and stone hearths of original cabins, and visit the "naturally heated" pool site to see the remains of the dam and bathhouse foundation. We will also point out where the ski and toboggan runs once were.

The Peak Experience - for the adventurous, an optional side-hike will take us to the location of Mt Hood's first Nordic jump, carved into the east side of Multorpor Mountain by Ole Langerud in 1927.

Note: For those who prefer not to hike, the site is accessible by car via Still Creek Campground, with several parking spots adjacent to Campsite #1.

Win a Mountain Getaway!

We will also be holding a raffle, thanks to a generous donation from Collins Lake.

The Prize - a gift certificate for 2-night stay at Collins Lake Details - the unit sleeps (6) adults plus children

Validity - the certificate is good for one year (until 6/1/2027); exclusions apply for certain peak holiday and seasonal weekends.