

ANTHILL TRAIL #406B



Northwest Forest Pass	→	Required
Distance	→	1.9 miles
Elevation	→	High 4,490 feet – Low 4,000 feet
Snow Free	→	July - September
Difficulty	→	Moderate/Difficult for Mountain Bikes

Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River travel south on Highway 281 (Dee Highway) approximately 13 miles to the Lost Lake turn off. Bear right here and cross the East Fork of the Hood River. Keep to the left and follow the signs as if going to Lost Lake. One half mile after crossing the West Fork of the Hood River, a signed junction will indicate Wahtum Lake to the right (Road 13); take this road. Although paved, this is a narrow road, during the summer expect heavy traffic. At the next intersection (4+ miles), keep right onto the 1310 Road. This road is even narrower and traffic may be just as heavy. Stay on the pavement until Wahtum Lake Campground is reached, the Anthill Trail #406B begins here.

Trail Highlights: This trail offers fine views of the lower Hood River Valley and the Columbia River Gorge as well as a 'bird's eye' view of Wahtum Lake and the upper Eagle Creek Drainage. Near the end of the trail are several large anthills. The hills are abandoned and new ones built each year and often a hill will be built directly in the trail. Why the ants have chosen this particular location to build their homes is somewhat of a mystery.

Trail Description: The trail begins across the road from the Wahtum Lake Campground. It ascends to the ridge at a moderate and constant grade through heavy timber. On top of the ridge an outcrop of rock provides a fine viewpoint or picnic site. The trail then meanders gently along the ridge until reaching Road 670 after 1 ½ miles. This is the site of the Old Mud Lake Guard Station. The trail continues on the other side of the road, then drops down to a junction with the Herman Creek Trail #406. The road can be followed back to Wahtum Lake campground by going left. You can go to Rainy Lake Campground (3.9 miles) by going right. There are several loop hikes available by combining a variety of roads.

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