

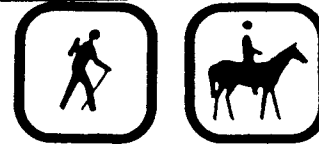


Clackamas River Ranger Districts

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BATTLE AX CREEK TRAIL # 3339
WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST (see footnote ¹ below).



Recommended Season: June to November

Length: 4.4 miles **Use:** Medium
Elevation: 2560' to 4400' **Difficulty:** Easiest
USGS Map: Battle Ax

Description: (in *Bull of the Woods Wilderness* area, closed to mountain bikes and motorized vehicles).

The Battle Ax Creek Trail # 3339 is an old abandoned road that was changed to trail status when it was included in the Bull of the Woods Wilderness. It runs from Beachie Saddle through an old burn area, approximately 3/4 mile west of Elk Lake, at 4300' elevation down to the Shiny Rock Mining Company gate, 4.4 miles west at 2800' elevation.

Trail Access:

Connects at Beachie Saddle on the south end, connecting with Trail # 3340 (WNF) and an old abandoned Forest Road 4697. Trail # 3340 (WNF) runs between Battle Ax Mtn. and Beachie Saddle, which is approximately 1/2 mile northeast of Battle Ax Creek headwaters. Connects on the west end with Whetstone Mtn. Trail # 3369 (WNF) that makes a connection with Whetstone Trail # 546. The western terminus is at a locked gate at Shiny Rock Mining Company on an old abandoned Forest Road # 2209.

Trail Mileage Log:

- 0.0 Trail starts down into Battle Ax Creek Valley from Beachie Saddle. Good views of the valley, Battle Ax and Beachie Mountains.
- 0.4 Roadbed crosses two stream culverts. Considerable water erosion.
- 0.6 Another culvert. Vegetation overgrowing the road, creating tunnel effect.
- 0.8 Stream crosses road, washing it out.
- 1.4 Fairly level, open stretch of trail. Good views across valley to steep rock and talus slopes opposite.
- 1.5 Serious washout of road. Foot crossing of stream still possible under normal conditions.
- 1.7 Hairpin turn.
- 1.9 Sweeping loop, 180-degree turn.
- 2.6 Cross stream culvert. Trail heavily overgrown.
- 2.8 Cross stream.
- 3.0 Trail bends close above Battle Ax Creek.
- 3.4 Ford tributary to Battle Ax Creek.
- 4.1 Whetstone Mtn. Trail # 3369 (WNF) junction. Trail and sign may be obscured by vegetation, as trail is very lightly used. Trail # 3369 departs north down slope crossing Battle Ax Creek headed towards it's connection with Whetstone Trail # 546.
- 4.4 Trail ends on Road # 2209 at a locked gate to Shiny Rock Mining Company. Company has been allowing foot travel through their area. Forest Service has maintained that the entire area is public domain.

¹ Herein referred to as (WNF).



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