



MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

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BOULDER RIDGE TRAIL #783-A

TRAIL BEGINS: 354 meters (1160 feet) Elevation
At the east end of the Bureau of Land Management's Wildwood Recreation Site.

TRAIL ENDS: 1159 meters (3800 feet) Elevation
At its junction with Plaza Trail #783

ACCESS: Follow US 26 for 15.4 miles east of Sandy, turning south (right) at the Wildwood Recreation Site. Wildwood is located in the wooded strip between the east Brightwood exit and the community of Wemme.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: This trail provides an easy northern access into the little used Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness area. In 4.3 miles, the trail gains approximately 2500 feet in elevation. Once on top, you are rewarded with outstanding views and a ridgetop trail system with little elevation change.

WILDERNESS PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE SALMON-HUCKLEBERRY WILDERNESS. THEY ARE SELF-ISSUING AT TRAILHEADS OR AT THE WILDERNESS BOUNDARY.

Length: 6.8 km (4.3 mi.)



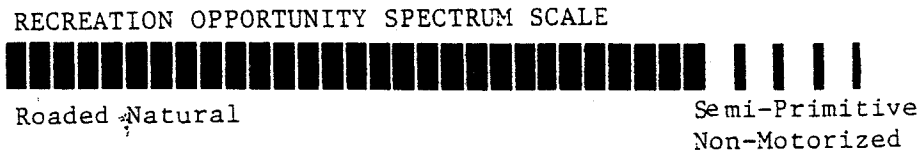
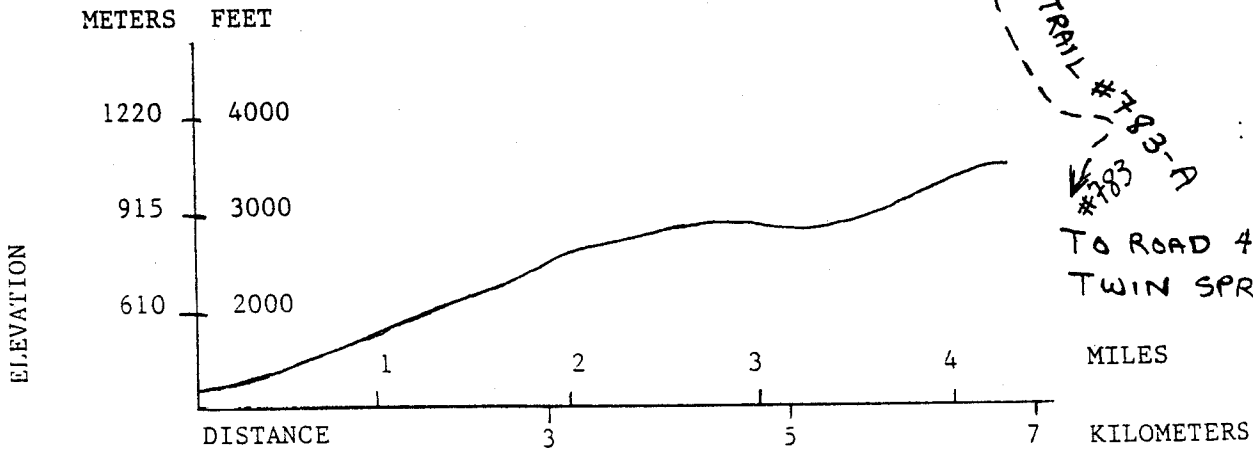
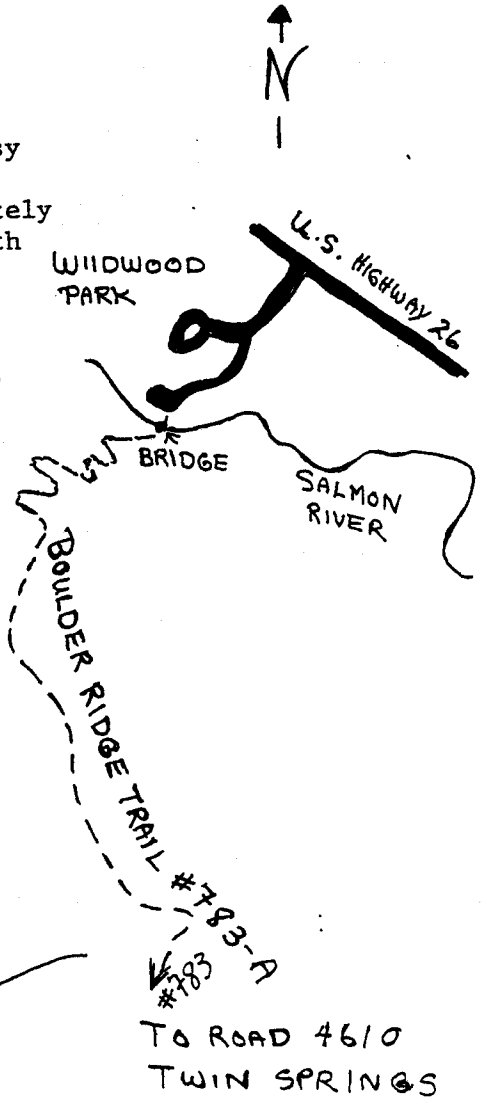
Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Use: Light

Difficulty: More Difficult



NARRATIVE: BOULDER RIDGE TRAIL #783-A

Completed in 1981 as a cooperative effort between the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, the Boulder Ridge Trail provides an additional opportunity to access the Huckleberry Mountain Trail system, and is characterized by scenic 360° degree views and delicate wildflowers.

The trail starts at the BLM's Wildwood Recreation Site. In the off-season, parking may be outside of the site's gate, adding a little extra distance to the hike. The current status may be clarified by calling the Zigzag Ranger Station prior to your planned outing.

Starting from the parking area, the trail crosses the Salmon River on a heavily constructed bridge. The first quarter mile of trail passes through flat, wet terrain and crosses a small stream on a foot bridge. In the first few miles, three additional streams are crossed. Since all are not reliable year-round sources, it is best to carry water.

The first viewpoint is located 1.8 miles from the trailhead. This is a good turn-around point for those without serious hiking intentions.

The trail ends at the junction with Plaza Trail #783 after gaining a total of 2,500 feet in elevation through a series of fairly steep switchbacks. The climb, however, is well worth it as mountain views framed with blooming wildflowers are characteristic of this ridgetop trail system.

Interesting trips can be made utilizing car shuttles between this trailhead and that of Bonanza Trail #786, McIntyre Ridge Trail #782, Douglas Trail #781, or Plaza Trail #783.

Forest regulations prohibit the use of horses, bicycles and motorized vehicles on this trail as a safety precaution and to protect the resource. Since Boulder Ridge Trail is within the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness, wilderness permits are required. They are self-issuing and are at the trailheads or at the wilderness boundary..

WATER STATEMENT:

Unfortunately, open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal wastes. Water from springs, lakes, ponds, and streams should not be used for drinking without proper treatment. A recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes.