

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST
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CAST CREEK TRAIL #773

BEGINS: 659 Meters (2160 Feet) Elevation
 At the east end of Riley Horse Camp.

ENDS: 1220 Meters (4000 Feet) Elevation
 At its junction with Zigzag Mtn. Trail #775

ACCESS: Follow U.S. Highway 26 18 miles east of Sandy to the community of Zigzag, turn north (left) at the Zigzag Store onto Lolo Pass Road (Road 18), following it for four miles. Turn east on Road 1825. Continue .6 mile, bear right, cross a bridge and continue .4 mile. Turn south (right) on Road 1825-382 follow it .1 mile turning right into Riley Horse Camp. Continue through the campground to the unloading area and the trailhead. Note: .4 mile hiking distance can be saved by those not interested in the facilities at Riley Horse Camp. Instead of turning into the horse camp continue south on Road 1825-382 for .5 mile until you see a sign for the Cast Creek Trail. Parking is on the shoulder.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS:
 Cast Creek Trail is an extremely steep, rutted and slick route from Riley Horse Camp to the Zigzag Mountain Trail system. Huckleberries abound on the top mile of the trail.

Length: 6.1 Km. 3.8 Mi.



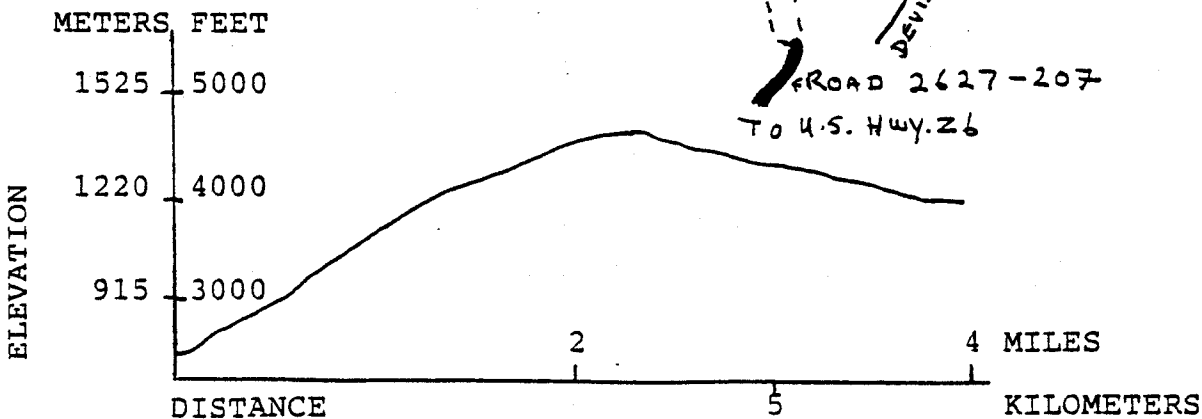
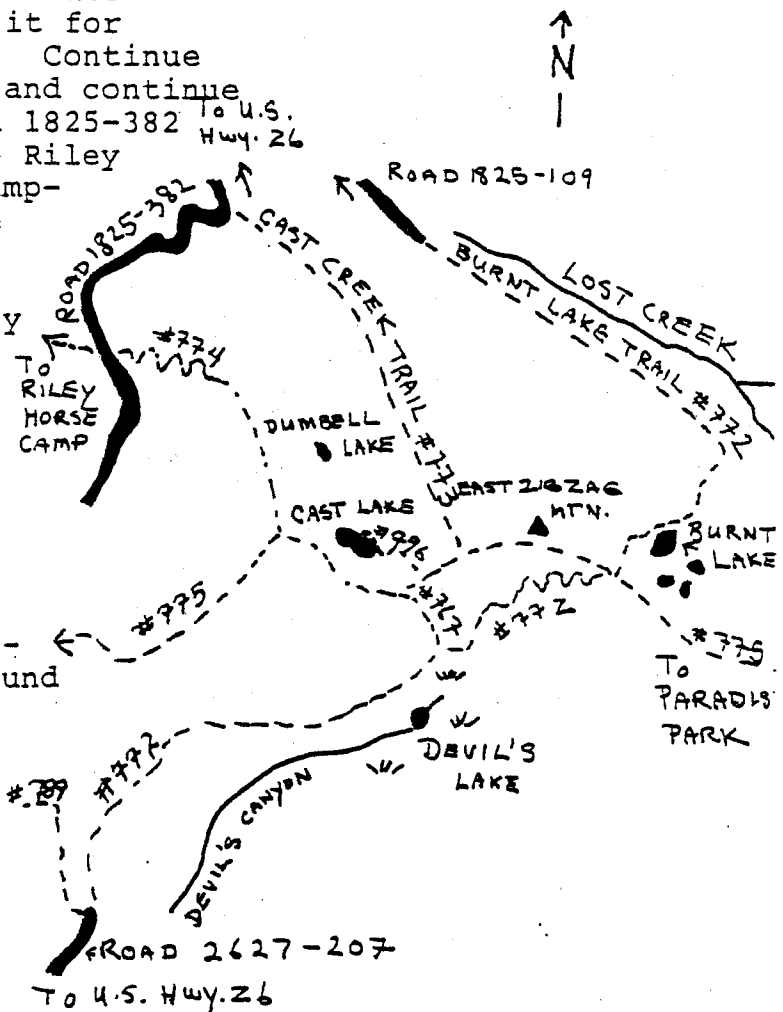
Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Use: Light

Difficulty: Most difficult



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY SPECTRUM SCALE



Roaded Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized
 Natural

NARRATIVE: CAST CREEK TRAIL #773

Cast Creek Trail is a good candidate for those seeking a serious conditioning hike. Overall elevation gain is almost 2,000 feet in 3.8 miles. The trail itself is narrow, rutted and very steep, climbing through the woods using a series of switchbacks. Water is not available along this trail.

Although this trail is open to horse use, it is recommended that only experienced equestrians and horses use this route and that they ride down it, not up. Horseshoe Trail #774 combined with Zigzag Mountain Trail #775 provides a loop opportunity as well as much more gradual access into this area for both the horseback rider and hiker. Permits are required and are self-issuing at trailheads or wilderness entry. Wilderness regulations prohibit the use of motorized vehicles and bicycles on this trail.

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 with proper treatment. A recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes.