

# Recreation Opportunity Guide

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MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST  
ZIGZAG RANGER DISTRICT 503/622-7674

## CASTLE CANYON #765

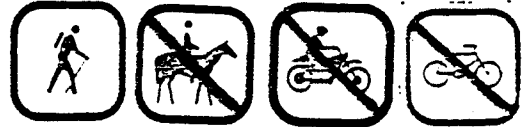
**TRAIL BEGINS:** 488 meters (1600 feet) Elevation.  
On the northeast side of Rd. 19  
at the west end of Rhododendron.

**TRAIL ENDS:** 671 meters (2200 feet) Elevation.  
At an overlook .9 mile from the  
trail's start.

**ACCESS:** From the Mt. Hood Info Center, take Hwy 26 east for 5 miles to Rhododendron. After crossing the only bridge in "Rhodie", take a hard left onto E. Arlie Mitchell Rd. This road points you back westward for 200 yards, then bears right. After 1/4 mile, you will come to a junction with Henry Creek Rd and Rd. 19. Turn left onto the gravel road (Rd. 19). Follow it for 1/2 mile to the trailhead.

**ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS:** Castle Canyon, a short day hike into the Mt. Hood Wilderness, leads to interesting tower-like rock formations at the base of West Zig Zag Mountain. The trail is steep and can be slick, gaining almost 1000 feet in elevation in less than one mile. Parking is limited at the trailhead but there is more space a couple hundred yards beyond it.

Length: 1.4 km (.9 mile)



Recommended Season:

← SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER →

Use: Medium

Difficulty: Most Difficult

