

Clackamas River Ranger Districts

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CLACKAMAS RIVER TRAIL # 715 (2 pages)

Recommended Season: April to November

Length: 7.8 miles Use: Medium
Elevation: 0900' to 1300' Difficulty: More difficult
USGS Map: Fish Creek Mtn.



Description: *(Closed to Horses and to motorized vehicles).*

This low elevation trail provides excellent year-round recreation opportunities along the Clackamas River. This trail follows the southwest side of the river for 7.8 miles, from Fish Creek to Indian Henry Campground. There are several outstanding scenic attractions along this riverside trail. One of these is Pup Creek Falls which is over 100 feet high. There are similar spectacular falls and cascades along the trail. The trail goes over rocky outcroppings and down along the river bank, through clearings and old growth trees. There are several large flat areas that provide opportunities for camping, picnicking and fishing access to the Clackamas River.

Trail Access:

Via the north end of the trail at Fish Creek: To reach the Fish Creek end of Trail # 715, travel south from Estacada on Hwy. 224 for 16 miles until you reach Road 54. Turn right on Road 54 and cross the bridge, take the first right into the Fish Creek trailhead parking lot. This parking lot serves the Clackamas River Barrier-free Fishing Pier. To reach the trailhead start near the toilet and walk out the parking lot entrance walking directly across the road straight past the end of the bridge.

Via the south end of the trail near Indian Henry Campground: To reach the Indian Henry end of Trail # 715, travel south of Estacada on Hwy. 224 for approximately 22 miles and turn right onto Road 4620. Less than ½ mile up the road, just across from the entrance to Indian Henry Campground turn right into the paved trailhead parking lot.

Trail Mileage Log: (Distance is from Fish Creek).

- 0.0 Fish Creek end. Parking area on west side of Road 54, trail begins on the East side of the road.
- 0.1 Trail follows an old road.
- 0.3 Leaves old trail, trail tread begins.
- 0.9 Trail climbs up and over a large cliff.
- 1.3 Nice flat area for camping or picnicking. River is 25 feet below.



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- 2.3 Trail crosses a wide flat across from Roaring River.
- 3.1 Enter powerline clearing across from Sunstrip Campground. River is 80 feet below.
- 3.5 Junction with a new trail that goes south for approximately 700 feet for a view of the beautiful Pup Creek Falls.
- 3.6 Pup Creek. This is somewhat tricky to cross during high water.
- 3.8 Enter powerline clearing.
- 4.2 Nice flat. The river is 20 feet below. The Old Pup Creek Trail once forded the Clackamas River here.
- 4.5 Plank bridge to a spur trail which leads to a nice beach on the river and good campsites.
- 4.8 In powerline clearing; crest of the ridge above The Narrows. Good view of the Clackamas River.
- 4.9 Spur trail to The Narrows.
- 5.9 Begin traverse beneath a series of cliffs. Mossy rocks and several small waterfalls highlight this area. River is 150 feet below.
- 6.1 Pass through the "half-cave" which goes behind a small waterfall. From here to Indian Henry, the trail ranges from 600 to 800 feet above the river.
- 7.2 Foot bridge crosses a deep gully.
- 7.4 Trail passes a rock cliff.
- 7.8 End of trail at a paved parking lot on Forest Road 4620. Indian Henry Campground is just across the road from the trailhead.

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