



## Clackamas River Ranger District

**Estacada Ranger Station**  
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**Ripplebrook Guard Station**  
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Estacada, OR 97023

### DICKEY CREEK TRAIL # 553

Recommended Season: June to November

Length: 5.9 miles      Use: Medium  
Elevation: 2480' to 4680'      Difficulty: Most Difficult  
USGS Map: Battle Ax NE 1979



Description: (partially within Bull of the Woods Wilderness area).  
(closed to mountain bikes and motorized vehicles).

The Dickey Creek trail is an alternative route into the heart of Bull of the Woods Wilderness Area, and it provides a direct route from the north to popular Big Slide Lake. It passes through deep forest in the Dickey Creek valley for the first three miles, then climbs to the lake and the ridge above. Starting at 2800' elevation, it drops to 2480' in the valley floor then steadily climbs to 4200' at Big Slide Lake and up to 4680' where it ends at the Schreiner Peak Trail # 555. The beginning of the trail is very steep and unstable ground causes trail shifts, *use caution*. This is usually the earliest access to the Bull of the Woods Wilderness as the snow melts in the Spring. Stock water can be found approximately 1/8 mile from the trailhead.

#### Trail Access:

Dickey Creek Trail # 553 is reached by traveling south on Hwy. 224 for 25.6 miles, (approximately 1/2 mile past Ripplebrook Ranger Station), and turn right onto Forest Road 46. On road 46 travel 3 1/2 miles and turn right onto road 63. On road 63 travel 5.7 miles and turn right onto road 6340. On road 6340 travel 2.8 miles (where the pavement ends) and turn left onto the spur road 6340-140. Drive for 1.5 miles on the 140 spur to a berm at the end of the road where you can start off for the Dickey Creek Trail # 553.

#### Trail Mileage Log:

- 0.0 Trail starts where the road has a large berm preventing further vehicle traffic. Walk down the old road past the berm 0.1 mile (one tenth) heading south. (The trail here is almost unrecognizable as a road).
- 0.1 Trailhead actually starts where the old trailhead parking area was before the road was bermed over.
- 0.3 Begins steep descent into a heavily forested creek valley. A difficult scramble down rough terrain.
- 1.5 Crosses a large meadow and skirts a pond.
- 2.9 Trail fords Dickey Creek.
- 3.2 Begin steeper climb with climbing turns (later switchbacks), leaving Dickey Creek below.
- 4.1 Open slope with view of Dickey Peaks and Big Mountain.
- 5.0 Crosses a small stream, traverses a large rock slide area where Bull of the Woods summit and the old lookout tower can be seen.
- 5.4 Junction on right with side trail to Big Slide Lake, 0.2 mile west.
- 5.6 Little Slide Lake can be seen below through trees. Resume steep climb.
- 5.9 Trail ends at junction with Schreiner Peak Trail # 555. West Lake Trail # 556 leading to Welcome Lakes is 0.1 mile east. Summit of ridge with main Welcome Lakes Trail # 554 leading to Bull of the Woods is 0.6 mile (and 500' increase in elevation) to the south.



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