

# DOG RIVER TRAIL #675



Northwest Forest Pass	→	Required
Distance	→	5.5 miles one-way
Elevation	→	High 4,120 feet - Low 4,000 feet
Snow Free	→	May - October
Difficulty	→	Moderate/Strenuous

**Directions to Trailhead:** Drive south from Hood River on Highway 35 about 20 miles. You will pass the Mt. Hood Country Store and the Hood River Ranger Station. About 5 miles past the Ranger Station and just before you cross the East Fork of the Hood River you will see a parking lot off to the left side of the highway. This is the trailhead of the Dog River Trail.

**Trail Highlights:** Enjoy the wide variety of vegetation, terrain, and views offered along this trail. Beginning in a heavily timbered river bottom, the trail ascends gradually to a series of open Ponderosa Pine covered ridges. Spectacular views of the northeast side of Mt. Hood are found on the upper portion of the trail.

**Trail Description:** The trail crosses Puppy Creek on a wooden bridge and continues south on the hillside above Dog River. After 2 miles, the trail crosses Dog River and climbs to a saddle above the Hood River and Highway 35. The trail steepens for about one mile as it switchbacks up the ridge. Along the ridge, the trail continues at an easy grade, wandering in and out of small canyons where the difference in vegetation between north and south facing slopes is readily apparent. After walking about six miles you will come to junction with the Zigzag Trail #678 (this trail travels one mile down to Highway 35; this trail is not open to horses.) and Surveyor's Ridge Trail #688 is reached. A few hundred feet straight ahead leads to a viewpoint. Less than a mile up Surveyor's Ridge Trail is FS-Road 44, which leads back to Highway 35.

**Please Note:** This area is open to hikers, horses, and mountain bikers. For the enjoyment of all recreation user groups, please keep the following in mind: Mountain bikers should yield to both hikers and horses, hikers should yield to horses, and horse riders should exercise caution.

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