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FIR TREE TRAIL #674

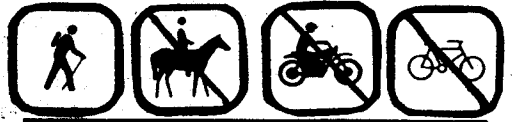
TRAIL BEGINS: 1342 meters (4400 feet) Elevation
At Fir Tree Campground on Road 2613.

TRAIL ENDS: 854 meters (2800 feet) Elevation
At its junction with Salmon River Trail #742.

ACCESS: Follow US 26, .4 mile east of Government Camp turning south on 2656 into the Still Creek Campground. Drive through the campground, continue for 1 mile on 2650-131. Turn right at the A-frame cabin continuing .5 mile on 2612-126 to a four-way junction. Head south on 2613, now a rough, narrow road for 3.5 miles to Fir Tree Campground.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: Fir Tree Trail provides an interesting and lesser-known access to the upper portion of the Salmon River National Scenic Trail #742. Most of this trail is now in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness and wilderness rules apply. Motorized vehicles, horses and bicycles are prohibited on this trail.

Length: 4.3km (2.72mi.)

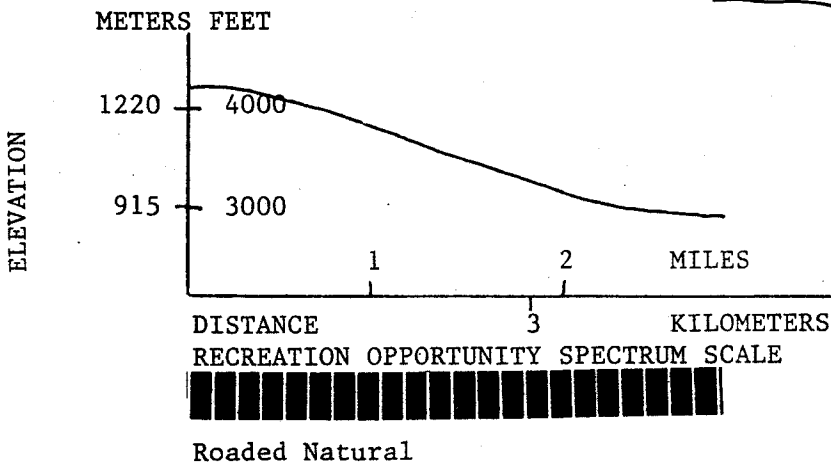
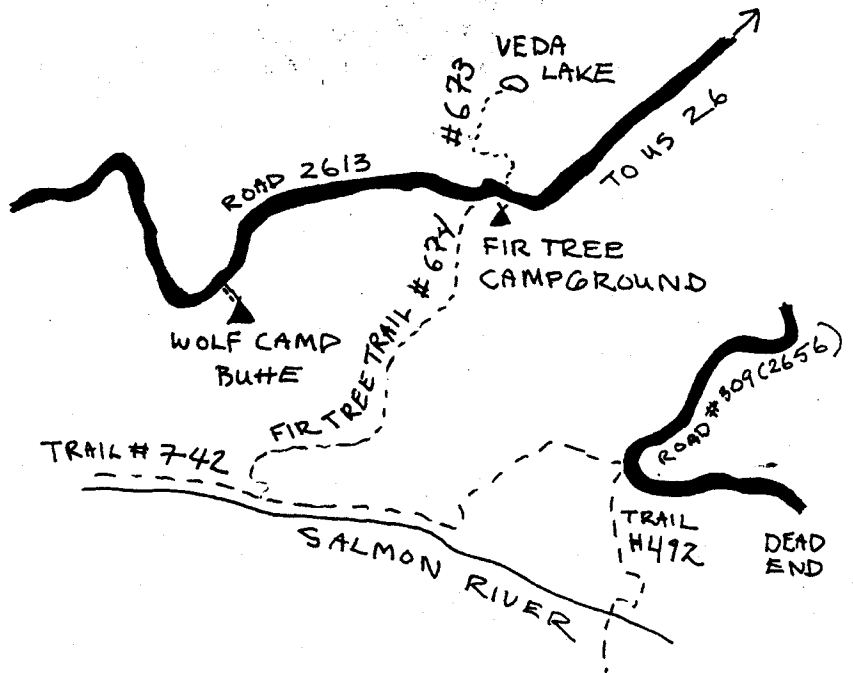


Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER
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Use: Light

Difficulty: Moderate



NARRATIVE: FIR TREE TRAIL #674

Parking is provided at Fir Tree Forest Camp, a primitive campground lacking both running water and garbage service. Observant visitors will notice the evidence of Civilian Conservation Corps craftsmanship in some of the stone work. The trail travels directly through the campground and may, in confusing places, be marked with blue paint sprayed on tree trunks or gray diamonds at about eye level.

From the campground, the trail travels downhill through forested areas making two stream crossings and passing the presently unsigned and unmaintained Dry Lake Trail, 1.2 miles from the trailhead. Continuing on the Fir Tree Trail, the junction of Salmon River Trail #742 is reached in 1.5 miles.

Forest regulations prohibit the use of horses and motorized vehicles on this trail to minimize resource damage and to provide a safer, more desirable trail for hikers.

NOTE: Road 2613 leading to the Fir Tree Trailhead is a rough, narrow, one-lane gravel road with turnouts, and is not recommended for trailers.

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 without proper treatment. A recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes.

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