

Clackamas River Ranger District

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PANSY LAKE TRAIL # 551

Recommended Season: June to November.

Length: 2.0 miles

2.0 miles 3570' to 4600' Use:

Heavy

00' Difficulty:

Easiest

USGS Map: Battle Ax NE 1979

Description: (in Bull of the Woods Wilderness area, closed to mountain bikes and motorized vehicles). The Pansy Lake Trail # 551 provides easy access to the scenic and popular Pansy Basin and Pansy Lake. The trail climbs approximately 1000 feet in 2 miles and takes hikers to the ridgetop beyond the lake which is the gateway to the Mother Lode Trail # 558 and Twin Lake Trail # 573 from the north.

Trail Access:

Elevation:

Pansy Lake Trail # 551 is reached by traveling south on Hwy. 224 for 25.6 miles, (approximately ½ mile past Ripplebrook Ranger Station), and turn right onto Forest Road 46. On road 46 travel 3½ miles and turn right onto road 63. On road 63 travel 5.7 miles and turn right onto road 6340. On road 6340 travel 7.8 miles and you will come to a fork in the road (6340 and 6341). Turn to the right onto road 6341 and follow it for 3.6 miles until you come to the trailhead parking area.

Trail Mileage Log:

0.0 Leave trailhead at Road 6341.

(A downward extension of this trail leaves the Pansy Lake Trail at the second switchback below this trail junction and descends for .1 mile to the Pansy Basin).

- 0.7 Junction with Dickey Lake Trail # 549.
- 1.0 Junction on right with a short trail down to Pansy Lake, elevation 3960 feet.
- 1.1 Leave timber, onto open rocky slopes.
- 2.0 Mother Load Saddle and the end of the trail at its junction with Mother Lode Trail # 558. East on Mother Load trail takes you to the summit of Bull of the Woods. South will take you past the east side of Mother Load Mountain (over 1 mile away), and then down into Battle Creek (3.5 miles away).

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