



Recreation Opportunity Guide

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GREEN CANYON WAY TRAIL #973A

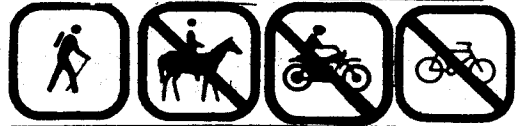
TRAIL BEGINS: On Salmon River Road #2618; 1580 feet (482 meters) elevation.

TRAIL ENDS: At its junction with Hunchback Trail #793; 4020 feet (1226 meters) elevation.

ACCESS: Follow US Hwy 26 17.9 miles east of Sandy. Turn south ~~west~~ ^{right} onto Salmon River Road #2618 and follow it for about 5 miles. Trailhead is signed. Parking is available at the Salmon River Trailhead, less than 1/4 mile south of the Green Canyon Way Trailhead.

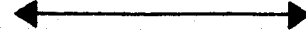
ATTRactions AND CONSIDERATIONS: The Green Canyon Way Trail was reconstructed to allow for loop opportunities in the Salmon River area. There are several viewpoints as this trail winds its way up to Hunchback Ridge and the Hunchback Trail. There is no water along the trail. This trail is in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness, so wilderness regulations apply.

Length: 3.3 miles (5.3km)



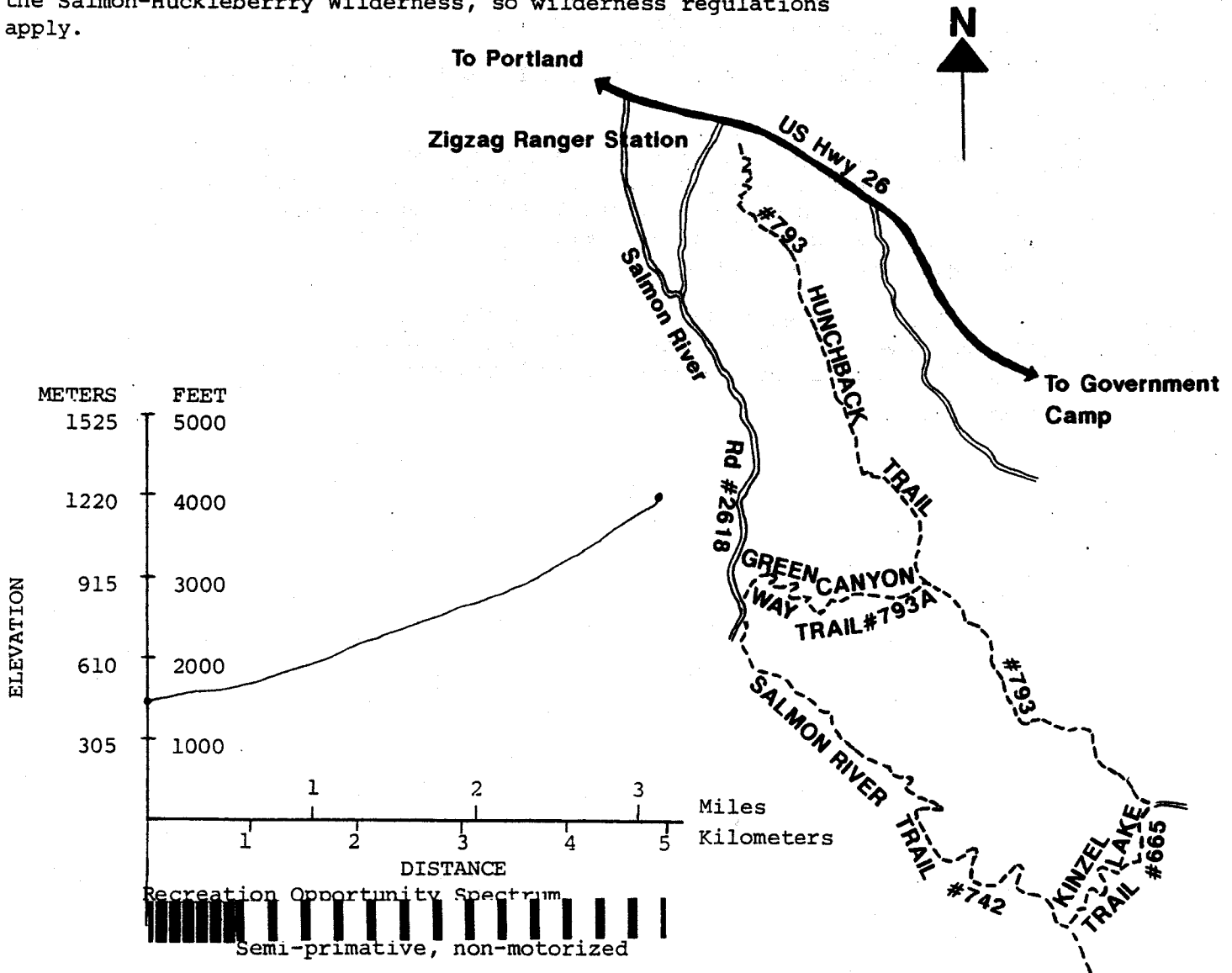
Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Use: Light

Difficulty: Most Difficult



NARRATIVE:

The Green Canyon Way trail is a reconstruction of an abandoned trail. "Way" trails were originally constructed to allow for a quick access to viewpoints, and as a consequence were very steep. Some switchbacks and variations were included when the trail was reconstructed to allow for a slightly gentler grade. The trail is still fairly steep, however.

The trail offers several views of the Salmon River drainage and the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness as it works its way up Hunchback Ridge. It also offers an opportunity to experience a forest. Steep rocky areas and forests made up of a variety of trees will enchant those looking for this type of experience.

The trail is steep and the tread is narrow and rocky in places, so it offers a challenge for those who desire it. It is lightly used and is a good opportunity for solitude. Because of its forested nature and canyons, the Green Canyon Way Trail is a fairly cool place to hike, even when the weather is warm. There is no water at all along the trail, so you will need to bring some with you. A 15.3 mile loop is available for the hardy backpacker or day hiker. This can be accomplished by hiking the Salmon River Trail #742 to the Kinzel Lake Trail #665 (about 5.9 miles from the trailhead). Camping is available in the Kinzel Lake area. The last water you are likely to find is about 0.8 miles above the Salmon River Trail on the Kinzel Lake Trail. Kinzel Lake is a small lake unsuitable for swimming. From this point you will follow Hunchback Trail #793 to Green Canyon Trail #793A (about 3.7 miles). Using the Green Canyon Way Trail, you will come out less than 1/4 mile from the Salmon River Trailhead.

A 9.6 mile hike is possible if you can arrange a shuttle between the Zigzag Ranger Station and the Green Canyon Way trailhead. Take the Green Canyon Way Trail to the Hunchback Trail. Head north to get to the Zigzag Ranger Station. This route allows for some spectacular views, relatively quick access to Hunchback Ridge and good roads to both ends of the hike.

The Green Canyon Way Trail is open to hikers but closed to horses, motorized vehicles and bicycles. The trail is too narrow and steep to allow for the safety of equestrians, and wilderness regulation prohibits the use of motor vehicles and bicycles.