

# HERMAN CREEK TRAIL #406



Northwest Forest Pass	→	Required
Distance	→	11.2 miles one-way
Elevation	→	High 4,240 feet - Low 100 feet
Snow Free	→	June - November
Difficulty	→	Moderate/Strenuous

## Directions to Trailhead:

**Eastbound I-84** – Take Cascade Locks exit # 44. Drive under I-84 and through the town of Cascade Locks for 1.8 miles to the eastbound entrance ramp. At the stop sign, cross the road and drive east 1.6 miles toward Oxbow Fish Hatchery, then on to Herman Creek Campground.

**Westbound I-84** – Take Herman Creek exit # 47. Drive 0.6 mile west on Forest Lane to Herman Creek Campground. The trailhead is at the west end of the campground.

**Trail Highlights:** Herman Creek Trail explores the largest surviving forest of old growth fir, cedar, and hemlock left in the Columbia Gorge. Spring fed groves of ancient cedar tower above Big Cedar Swamp Shelter while equally large Noble Fir, Douglas Fir and Western Hemlock fill a fire-preserved basin of the East Fork Herman Creek. A parade of waterfalls, innumerable moss carpeted creeks, a sub-alpine lake, and ridge top vistas offer a variety of scenery for either the equestrian or backpacker using Herman Creek Trail.

**Trail Description:** Keep left at an unmarked fork near the beginning of the trail. Follow the switchbacks across a power line access road, then climb another 0.4 mile to a well-signed fork. Take the left fork. The path soon joins an old dirt road. Proceed uphill 0.6 mile to Herman Camp primitive campsite. Continue straight past Herman Camp. The road soon becomes a trail again. You'll cross several side creeks, one with a 100-ft waterfall. 2.6 miles past Herman Camp, you'll reach a junction with Casey Creek Trail #476 on left. Continue right on Herman Creek Trail another 6 miles to junction with Pacific Crest Trail #2000. Turn left on PCT and proceed 1.6 mile to Wahtum Lake.

**MAP ON REVERSE**

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