

HOOD RIVER MEADOWS MOUNTAIN LOOP TRAIL #645/#646/#600/#667(Alternate)/#667C



(Horses on #645,
Mountain Bikes on #667 and #667C)

Northwest Forest Pass → Required
Distance → 10 miles
Elevation → High 5900 feet – Low 4500 feet
Snow Free → June - September
Difficulty → Moderate

Directions to Trailhead: Travel south from Hood River on Highway 35 approximately 33 miles. Turn right at the Hood River Meadows Nordic Ski Area sign and drive to the trailhead parking lot on the right.

Trail Highlights: Several creek crossings (those on the Timberline Trail #600 are not bridged) and views of mountain glaciers are among the attractions along this route. Portions of these trails travel above the timberline, providing spectacular views of both Mt. Hood and the surrounding foothills. The wildflower displays in early spring are breathtaking. You will also visit Umbrella Falls and/or Sahalie Falls.

Trail Description: From the trailhead follow the Elk Meadows Trail #645 through the forest for .4 mile to the junction with the Umbrella Falls Trail # 667. Continue straight ahead past the Wilderness entry station. Cross Clark Creek on a log bridge and continue for approximately half a mile to the Newton Creek Trail #646 junction. Follow the Newton Creek Trail for 1.8 miles to the Timberline Trail #600. Turn left (south) and follow the trail downhill to Clark Creek. The crossing is not bridged and may be difficult depending on weather conditions and the ability of your group. A short distance beyond Clark Creek is Heather Creek, which is a pleasant stop for lunch. After climbing out of the canyon the trail passes through the Mr. Hood Meadows Ski Area. Approximately 2.5 miles past Heather Creek, a junction with the Umbrella Falls Trail #667 is reached. Follow this trail down through the Ski Area for 1.3 miles, cross the Ski Area access road and relocate the trail about 75 feet to the right. Reach Umbrella Falls after .2 mile. Another .3 mile will bring you to a junction with the Sahalie Falls Trail #667C. Continue straight ahead for 1.4 miles to rejoin the Elk Meadows Trail, or turn right and follow the Sahalie Falls Trail for 1.7 miles (past Sahalie Falls) to the parking area.

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