



MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

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## JACKPOT MEADOWS TRAIL #492

TRAIL BEGINS: 1031 meters (3380 feet) Elevation  
On the west side of Road 309, just before the gate.

TRAIL ENDS: 1159 meters (3800 feet) Elevation  
At Road 240.

ACCESS: Follow US 26, 2 miles east of Government Camp. Turn south on 2656 following it 1.8 mile. Drive 1/4 mile past Trillium Lake Campground, turn south on 2656, following it 1.9 mile to 309.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: Jackpot Meadows Trail is a short, generally uncrowded access to the upper portion of the Salmon River. Outstanding views of the rock slides and cliffs of the Salmon River Valley combined with spring wild flowers contribute to its beauty. There is opportunity for fishing, picnicking, and camping.

**Length:** 0.6km (1.0mi.)



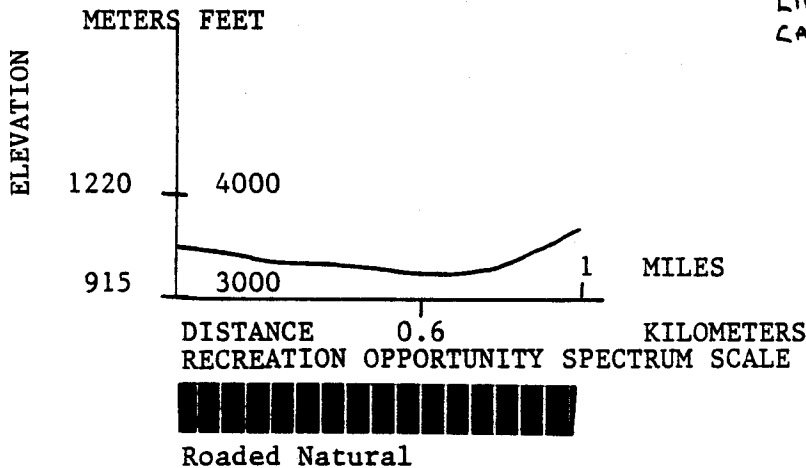
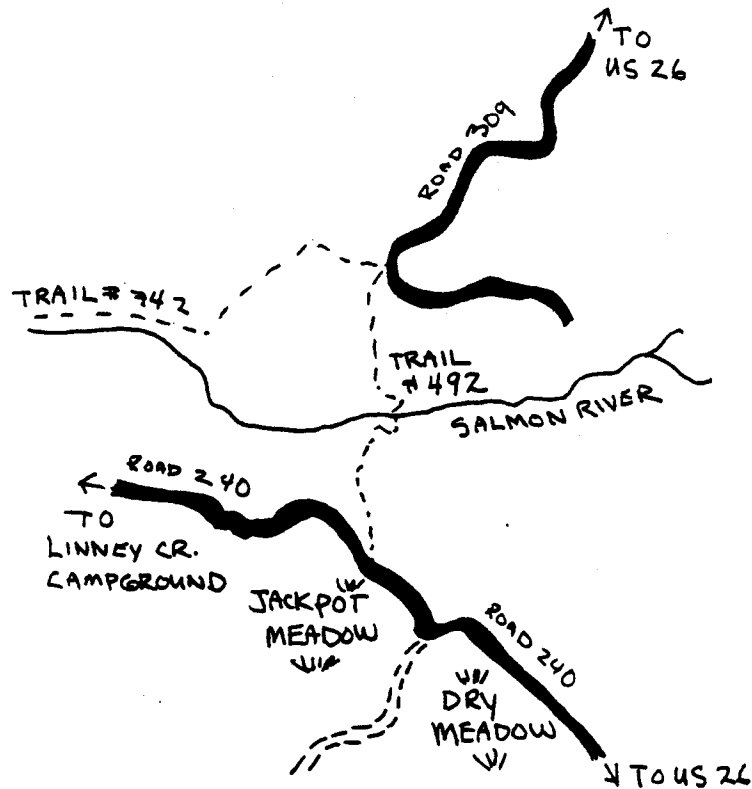
**Recommend Season:**

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



**Use:** Light

**Difficulty:** Moderate



NARRATIVE: JACKPOT MEADOWS TRAIL #492

Before road construction in this area, this portion of the Jackpot Meadows Trail was part of the Skyline Trail. Now the Jackpot Meadows Trail, about 2 miles in length, runs from Road 309 downhill to the river, then back uphill to Road 240 and nearby Jackpot Meadows.

This description covers only that portion of the trail on the Zigzag Ranger District which is the section from Road 309 to the Salmon River. Jackpot Meadows Trail, although short in length, has a few small sections of moderate steepness. The trail starts in an area rich with rhododendrons that generally bloom in mid-June. Descending, the trail has a few switchbacks and crosses through two rocky talus areas with views of the canyon. The best opportunity for camping is on the south side of the Salmon River, which can be reached by crossing a footbridge usually in place by early summer.

The Jackpot Meadows Trail is shared by equestrians and hikers. Forest regulations prohibit the use of motorized vehicles on this trail to provide a safer, more desirable foot trail for hikers and horseback riders.

WATER STATEMENT

Unfortunately open water sources are easily contaminated by human and 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.