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KINZEL LAKE TRAIL #665

TRAIL BEGINS: 781 meters (2560 feet) Elevation
 At its junction with the Salmon River Trail #742.

TRAIL ENDS: 1318 meters (4320 feet) Elevation
 Approximately 100 feet before the end of 2613,
 on the south side of the road.

ACCESS #1: Follow the directions to the west trailhead of Salmon River Trail #742. Follow the trail for 6.1 miles to its junction with Kinzel Lake Trail.

ACCESS #2: Follow US 26, .4 mile east of Government Camp turning south on 2650 into the Still Creek Campground. Drive through the campground, continue for 1 mile on 2650-131. Turn right at the A-frame cabin continuing .5 mile on 2612-126 to a four-way junction. Head south on 2613 now a rough, narrow road for 3.5 miles to Fir Tree Campground. Continue for 6.5 miles to the end of the road.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

When incorporated with Salmon River Trail #742 and Hunchback Trail #793, an interesting 18.4 mile trip exists utilizing a short car shuttle. Kinzel Lake, and Devil's Peak lookout, as it is usually passable long before 2613 is snow-free and driveable. This trail is now in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness. Wilderness rules apply which means motorized vehicles and bicycles are prohibited.

Length: 3.7 km (2.3 mi.)

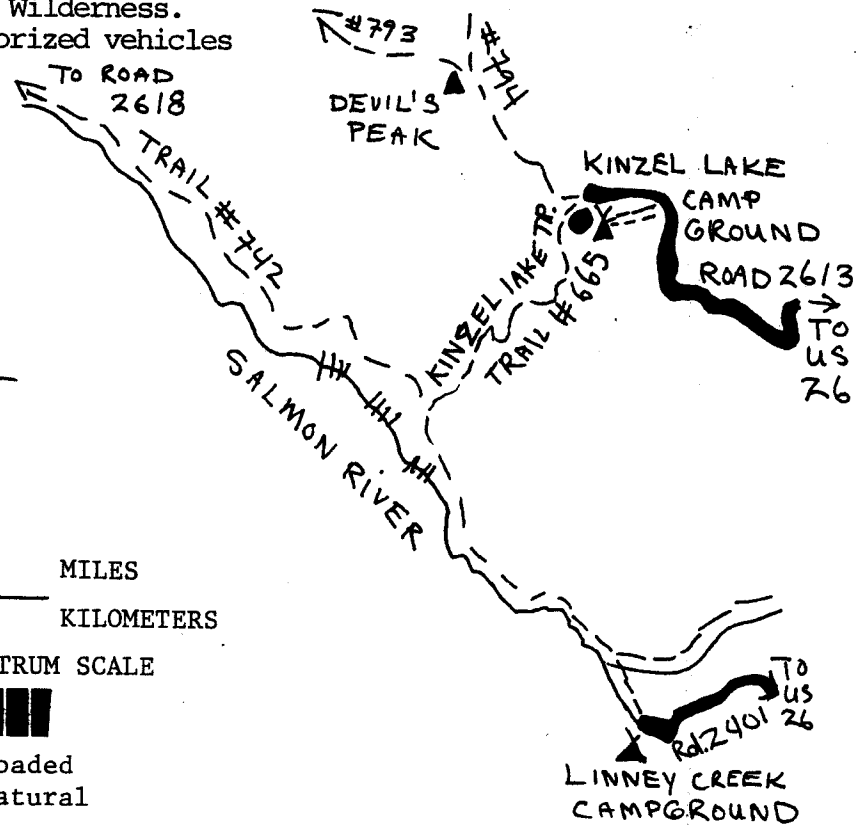
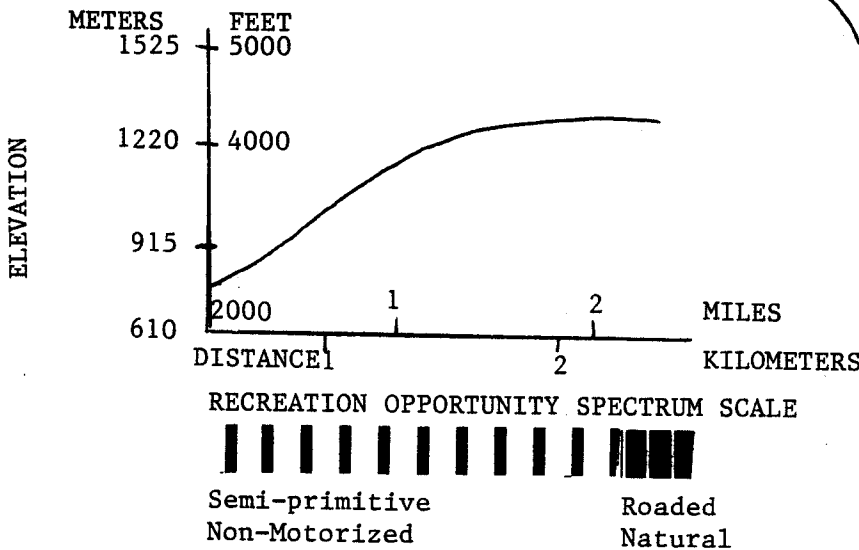


Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

Use: Light

Difficulty: Moderate



NARRATIVE: KINZEL LAKE TRAIL #665

Kinzel Lake Trail, built in 1925, spans the distance between the lush river bottom environment along the Salmon River and the dry ridgetop on Hunchback Mountain. Water is not reliably found on the trail itself but is available at or near both ends.

The trail travels through timber and is generally well graded gaining approximately 2,000 feet in elevation. Evidence of wildlife can usually be seen on the trail as well as wildflowers, especially rhododendrons.

A short spur, located approximately 1/4 mile south of Road 2613, leads to Kinzel Lake and a small primitive campground. Facilities include pit toilets, fireplaces, and picnic tables. The extensive stonework found in some of the campground fireplaces is handiwork of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Road 2613, a rough, narrow, one-lane gravel road with turnouts, is not recommended for trailers.

Forest regulations prohibit the use of horses and motorized vehicles on this trail to minimize resource damage and provide a safer, more desirable trail for hikers.

Unfortunately, open water sources are easily contaminated by human or 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.