

MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

MT HOOD INFORMATION CENTER 65000 E Hwy 26 Welches OR 622-7674/622-3360

McINTYRE RIDGE TRAIL #782

TRAIL BEGINS: 854 meters (2800 feet) elevation on the east side of E. Wildcat Creek Rd.

TRAIL ENDS: 1257 meters (4120 feet) elevation at its junction with Douglas Trail #781.

ACCESS: Follow US 26, 10.5 miles east of Sandy, turning right just past the B.P. gas station on the unpaved road, signed "Wildcat Creek Road." It is near the "Welcome to Hoodland" sign. Stay on gravelled roadway 1.5 miles. Go left at "Y" 0.7 miles, go left at "Y" 1.3 miles, go right at "y" 0.8 miles to the trailhead. These roads are unmarked logging roads.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: McIntyre Ridge Trail offers the shortest and best graded northern access into the little used Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness area. Once the ridgetop is gained, views and floral displays of beargrass and rhododendron characterize this trail. Utilizing a car shuttle, longer hikes can be made in combination with the steeper Bonanza and Boulder Ridge Trails as well as Douglas Trail. Since this trail is now in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness, wilderness rules apply. No motorized vehicles or bicycles are allowed on this trail now that it is in the wilderness

Length: 8.2 KM (4.5 Miles)



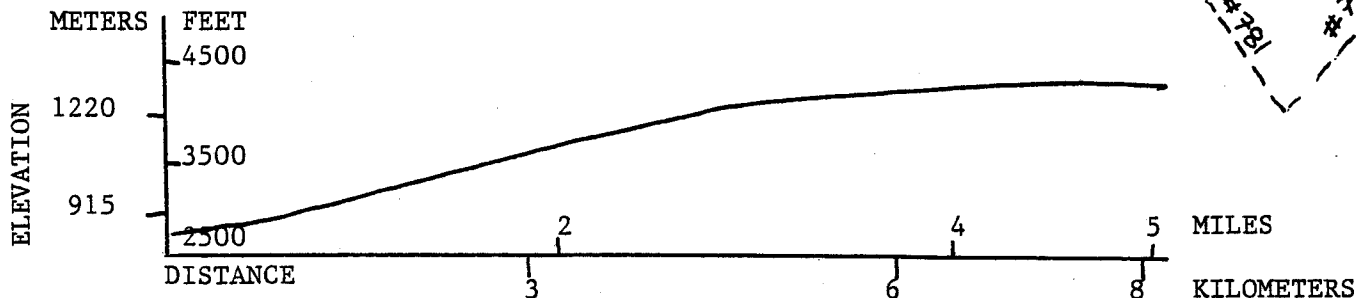
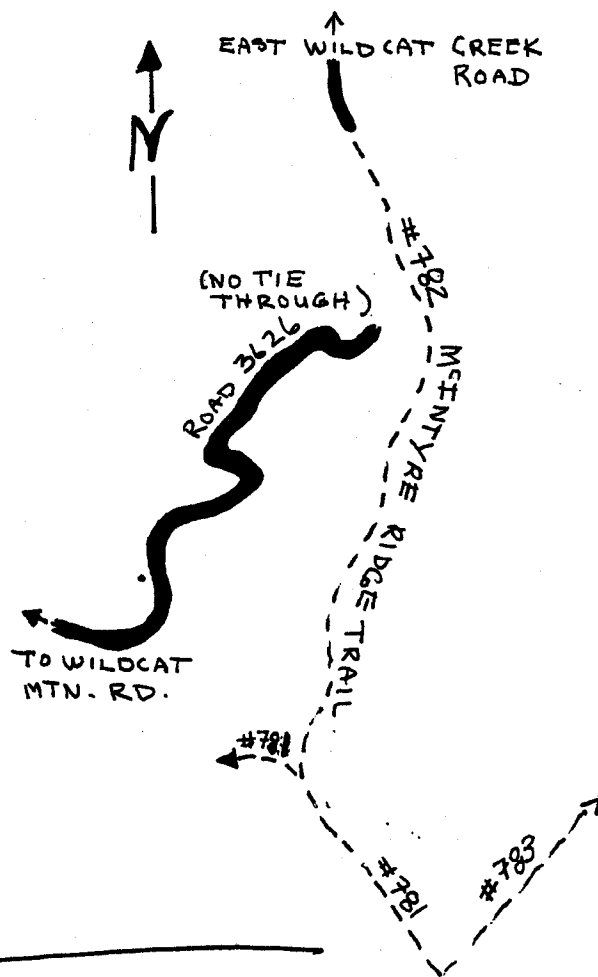
Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Use: Light

Difficulty: Moderate



RECREATION OPPORTUNITY SPECTRUM SCALE



ROADED NATURAL

SEMI-PRIMITIVE MOTORIZED

NARRATIVE: MC INTYRE RIDGE TRAIL #782

As the trail climbs from the trailhead it passes through a BLM clearcut. A Glimpse of Mt. Hood may be seen 1 mile from the trailhead, but the first of many dynamic viewpoints is found at 2.7 miles. Views include Mt. Hood, Hickman Butte, the Boulder Creek drainage and Huckleberry Mountain. The trail is hard to follow here.

The next 1.4 miles climb gradually through a variety of wooded scenes, until the open ridge which is adorned with beargrass and rhododendron is reached. The rest of the trail travels on the open ridge offering abundant views of the Cascades as well as nearby lesser peaks. Try to plan this hike when the rhododendrons and beargrass bloom, usually in late June. The trail in this area may be difficult to follow at times. Look for a well-defined tread as well as some 4x4 inch posts that mark the trail.

This hike can be extended by utilizing a car shuttle and continuing on the Douglas Trail #781, to Plaza Trail #783 and then Bonanza Trail #786 or Boulder Ridge Trail #783A. An opportunity for solitude abounds on this trail system. Carry water, as it is unavailable on this ridgetop trail.

McIntyre Ridge Trail is shared by equestrians and hikers. McIntyre Trail is in the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness. Wilderness permits are required. They are self-issuing at the trailheads or at the wilderness boundry. No motorized vehicles or bicycles are allowed on this trail now that it is in the wilderness.

WATER STATEMENT:

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.