



Clackamas River Ranger District

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MOTHER LODE TRAIL # 558

Recommended Season: June to November

Length: 5.9 miles Use: Medium
Elevation: 2800' to 5200' Difficulty: Most difficult
USGS Map: Battle Ax NE 1979



Description: *(in Bull of the Woods Wilderness area, closed to mountain bikes and motorized vehicles).*
The Mother Lode Trail # 558 is a major connecting trail through the heart of the Bull of the Woods Wilderness Area. It starts on a ridgetop southeast of Bull of the Woods at its junction with Welcome Lakes Trail # 554 and curves down through the Mother Lode Valley to Battle Creek Shelter. In its six mile course this trail intersects: Pansy Lake Trail # 551; Twin Lakes Trail # 573; Geronimo Trail # 557; and Elk Lake Creek Trail # 559. Stock water is available at Mother Lode Creek and at Battle Creek. In this forested area there are a variety of tree types from old growth Douglas Fir to true Fir and Mountain Hemlock. Scenic attractions include spectacular views east to Mt. Jefferson.

Trail Access: *(No access via road, see the Trail Use Guides for trails mentioned below).*

Trail connects the west end of Welcome Lake Trail # 554 (via trails that circle westerly then southerly) connecting back to Elk Lake Creek Trail # 559. See also trails mentioned above under the description section.

Trail Mileage Log:

- 0.0 Trail departs the Welcome Lakes Trail # 554 about 0.7 miles below Bull of the Woods. Elevation 5200 feet. Trail then traverses southwest down the south slope of the mountain through tall trees.
- 1.0 Open area with views of Mother Lode Mountain and Mt. Jefferson. Junction with Pansy Lake Trail # 551.
- 1.5 Trail descending steadily. Switchbacks with excellent views.
- 2.0 Cross Mother Lode Creek. Elevation 3900 feet.
- 3.6 Trail junction with Twin Lakes Trail # 573. Elevation 3950 feet.
- 3.8 Junction with trail to Porcupine Mine site below in creek valley. Then trail continues at moderately steep downgrade through deep forest.
- 5.2 Junction with Geronimo Trail # 557.
- 5.9 Elevation 2800 feet. Trail ends at Battle Creek Shelter and junction with Elk Lake Creek Trail # 559.



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