

NEWTON CREEK / TIMBERLINE TRAIL / UMBRELLA FALLS LOOP
#646 - #600 - #667
Hood River District

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Length: 11 miles
Hiking Time: 8 - 10 hours
Elevation: 5900 feet (1,423' gain)
Used By: Hikers
Snow-Free: June - October
Water: En-route or carry

In spring check with the Hood River Ranger Station to be sure the bridges are in - 352-6002

AESTHETIC DESCRIPTION

Several creek crossings and views of mountain glaciers are among the attractions along this trail route. Portions of this trail travel above the timberline providing spectacular scenery of both the peak of Mt. Hood and the surrounding foothills. The display of wildflowers in the early spring is breathtaking.

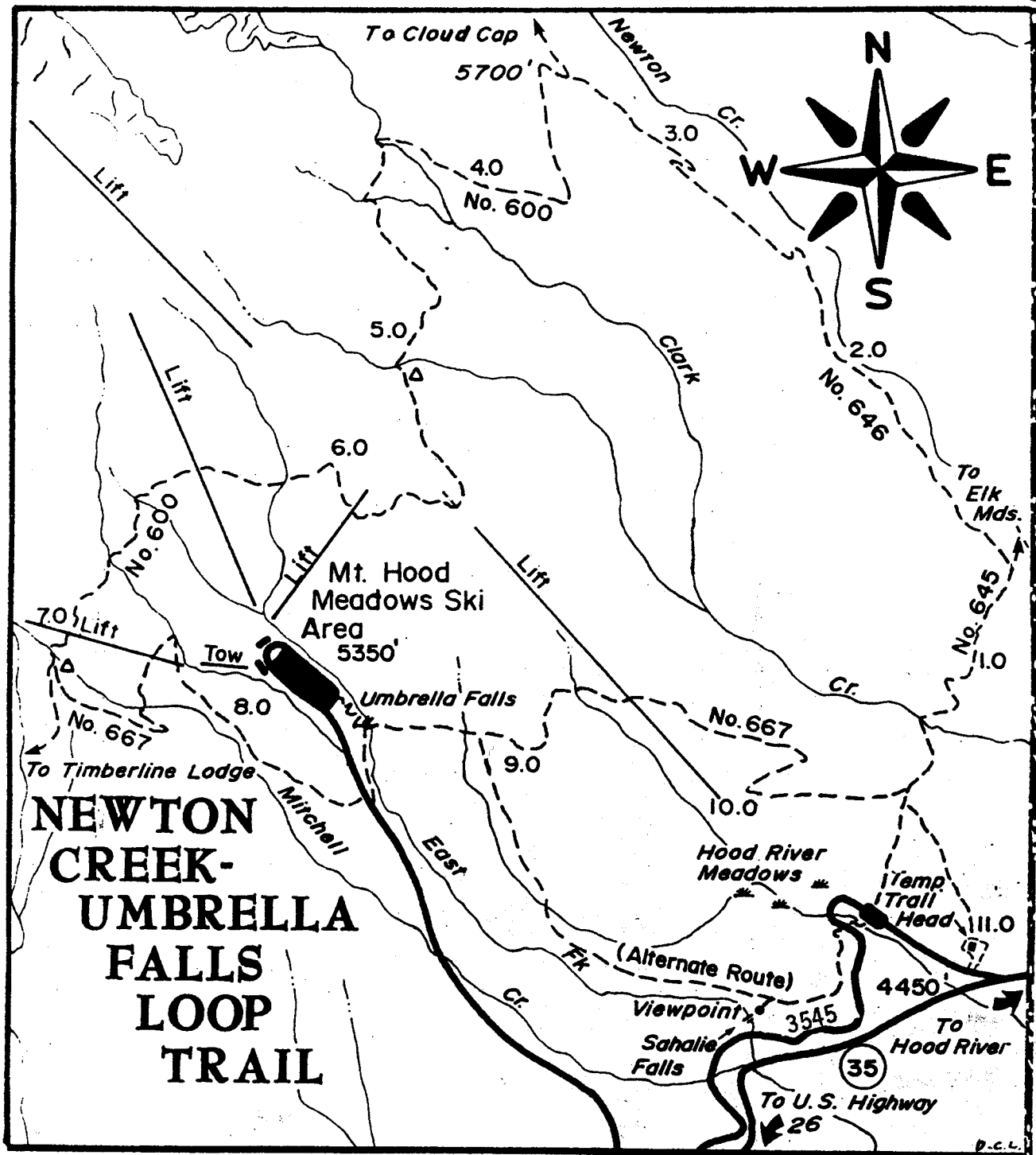
From temporary trail head walk through woods for .4 mile to permanent trail. Turn right and climb to junction of Umbrella Falls - Keep straight and pass wilderness register. Be sure to obtain self-issue permit. Continue few hundred feet further and cross Clark Creek on log bridge. (Do not obtain drinking water from glacial stream. Fine particles of rock may irritate digestive system)

Continue past several streams for .6 mile (good drinking water) to junction of Newton Creek Trail #646 - Turn left.

At junction to Timberline Trail #600, turn left and eventually enter Clark Creek Canyon. Creek crossing may be difficult in spring if bridge isn't in.

.2 mile from Clark Creek come to Heather Creek. Good stop for lunch. Hike out of canyon and along slopes to first run of the Mount Hood Meadows Ski Area.

Pass under blue chair and another lift. 130 yards beyond Red chair cross Mitchell Creek and come to junction of Umbrella Falls Trail - Keep left.



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Descend by series of switchbacks and recross Mitchell Creek. (Do not obtain drinking water beyond this point) Trail passes under Red chair again and re-enter woods.

Continue downhill for .7 miles to spur road to ski area - walk down 75 feet to resumption of Umbrella Falls Trail from opposite shoulder - Head north .2 mile to Umbrella Falls, cross bridge and travel .3 mile to junction.

Trail left meets #645 that you took in - Trail right passes Sahalie Falls.

TO REACH TRAIL drive east on HWY 26 to Oregon 35. 7.2 miles NE of junction turn left at sign marking Hood River Meadows Campground and Sahalie Falls. After 50 feet keep right where signs point to Elk Meadows and Umbrella Falls Trail. Parking area in ~~front~~ of more signs.