

OAK RIDGE TRAIL #688A



Northwest Forest Pass	→	Not Required
Distance	→	2.3 miles one-way
Elevation	→	High 3,700 feet - Low 1,900 feet
Snow Free	→	Approximately April - October
Difficulty	→	Moderate/Strenuous

Directions to Trailhead: Drive south from Hood River on Highway 35 approximately 16 miles to Smullin Road (one mile south of the Hood River Ranger District). Turn left on Smullin Road and continue a half-mile to trailhead parking sign on left. Turn left on gravel road and go a short distance to reach the Trailhead parking. Vehicles with horse trailers may wish to consider parking on Smullin Road near the trailhead sign.

Trail Highlights: A top choice for an early season hike! Enjoy a wonderful display of wildflowers (Lupine, Balsam Root, Indian Paintbrush, etc.) covering the hillside from mid-April through June. Trail overlooks the Hood River Valley and offers clear views of Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens, and Mt. Rainier. Vegetation varies between stands of oak on the lower hillside with fir and pine at higher elevations and on the north facing slopes.

Trail Description: Trail ascends Oak Ridge via a series of switchbacks passing through open grassy slopes and stands of Oregon White Oak. Trail is rocky in some areas and caution is advised if you are on horseback. After the first mile, trail enters mixed oak and fir and eventually the oak is left behind. Near the top of the ridge, the trail crosses Road 1700-640 and a few hundred feet beyond joins the Surveyor's Ridge Trail #688. Bald Butte (3,780') is 1.8 miles to the North and Rimrock (elevation 4,300 ft') is 2.3 miles to the South.

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