



Clackamas River Ranger District

Estacada Ranger Station
595 NW Industrial Way
Estacada, OR 97023
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Ripplebrook Guard Station
61431 E Hwy 224
Estacada, OR 97023

SERENE LAKE TRAIL # 512

Recommended Season: June to November



Length: 4.0 miles Use: Heavy
Elevation: 3900' to 4800' Difficulty: More difficult
USGS Map: Fish Creek Mtn. and
High Rock Prov 1985

Description: *(closed to motorized vehicles).*

This trail is a portion of the Rock Lakes Basin Loop. The trailhead is located at Frazier Turnaround and ends at the junction of the Grouse Point Trail # 517. Serene Lake and Rock Lakes offer excellent fishing for both brook and rainbow trout during the summer. For a good day hike, continue on # 512 to the junction of # 517, follow # 517 back to Frazier Turnaround via Cache Meadows for a total of 8.5 miles. Mountain bikers will find this trail has very few steep slopes and is a great loop opportunity with the trail combination. There are striking views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams and various canyons along the way.

Trail Access:

Serene Lake Trail # 512 is reached by traveling south from Estacada 25.6 miles on Hwy. 224 (about .6 mile past Ripplebrook Ranger Station). Just past the bridge over Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River turn left on Forest Road 57. Follow Road 57 for 8.2 miles and turn left onto Road 58. Follow Road 58 for 5.8 miles and turn left onto Road 4610 and travel approximately 1.2 miles until you reach Road 4610-240. Follow Road 4610-240 for 4.4 miles to Frazier Turnaround and the trailhead.

Trail Mileage Log: *(Distance from Frazier Turnaround on road 4610-240).*

- 0.0 Start at Frazier Turnaround. Take Trail # 512 to Serene Lake. The first section of trail dips through a flat of even age, old growth trees.
- 0.6 The trail to the right leads to Middle Rock Lake (0.5 mile). Upper Rock Lake lies to the southwest of the Middle Rock Lake.
- 0.7 The trail to the left provides access to Lower Rock Lake. Each lake is well stocked with trout.
- 2.0 Here the trail dips below an ancient rock slide and climbs back up to Serene Lake in a series of switchbacks.
- 3.0 You arrive at the outlet to Serene Lake. The camp is on the west shore. This is the most popular spot in the area - good fishing, scenery and swimming.
- 3.1 The trail leaves Serene Lake past the camp area and climbs to the ridge.
- 4.0 Intersection with Grouse Point Trail # 517. Superb views of the beautiful Roaring River canyon are possible if you wish to hike north to Grouse Point. Otherwise, follow the ridge to Cache Meadows and on to Frazier Turnaround to make a day loop.



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