

## Clackamas River Ranger District

Estacada Ranger Station 595 NW Industrial Way Estacada, OR 97023 (503) 630-6861 or 630-8700

Ripplebrook Guard Station 61431 E Hwy 224 Estacada, OR 97023

## SHINING LAKE TRAIL # 510

Recommended Season: May to November.

Length: 4000' to 4800' Elevation:

4.7 miles

Use:

Medium

Difficulty:

More Difficult

USGS Map: High Rock Prov 1985

Description: (Closed to motorized vehicles).

The first 3.5 miles of this trail follows a gently graded old dirt road and provides an excellent opportunity to pick Huckleberries (peak season is late August-early September). The last mile of the trail descends 500 feet, but you can enjoy a refreshing dip in the lake before starting your journey out. As you travel the road, you will catch glimpses of Mt. Hood, Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and several peaks in the Columbia Gorge District. Ridgetop viewpoints also provide scenic views into Roaring River canyon. This trail is an ideal easy trip for mountain bikers who should find the dirt road and lack of steep grades pleasant.

## Trail Access:

Shinning Lake Trail # 510 is reached by traveling south from Estacada on Hwy. 224 for 25.6 miles. About .6 mile past Ripplebrook Ranger Station (just past the bridge over the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River), turn left onto 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 4610-240).

- Walk downhill along the road past a locked gate and climb a short distance to view Mt. Hood and 0.0 Mt. Adams, further is a good view of Mt. Rainier.
- Begin traveling through open terrain and descend to a where you see a sign marking the junction 3.4 to Shining Lake. Continue straight to go to Indian Ridge and see an old lookout. Take the junction to the right if you wish to go to Shining Lake. (see footnote 1 below).
- End of trail at the old Indian Ridge fire lookout. 4.7

1 It is 1 mile down to the lake. Wind down through the switchbacks and stay to the right when the trail forks. If you plan to swim, continue around the lake to the north where you will find an open area

