

## Clackamas River Ranger District

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## SKOOKUM LAKE TRAIL # 542

Recommended Season: June to November

Length: Elevation:

1.0 miles

Use:

Medium

4200' to 5000' Difficulty:

More difficult

USGS Map: Battle Ax NW 1979

Skookum Lake Trail #542

Description: (closed to motorized vehicles)

A scenic day hike to a lake and an old lookout site with views of major peaks. Skookum Lake is approximately 4 acres in size and offers excellent trout fishing during the summer months. Adequate dispersed campsites are available near the lake. This trail leaving the lake gently climbs through old growth trees, until it reaches a series of switchbacks where the grade increases to 15-20%. Turning left at the junction with Thunder Mountain Trail #543 will be the route to Thunder Mountain and the old fire lookout site. This trail is generally under heavy snow until late May or sometimes-late June.

## Trail Access Via Thunder Mountain Trail #543:

Travel south from Estacada on Highway 224 for 25.6 miles, passing the old Ripplebrook Guard Station. About ½ mile further (at the bridge over the Oak Grove Fork), Highway 224 changes to Forest Road 46. Travel about 3½ miles on Road 46, turning right onto Road 63. Follow the 63 road for about 3 miles turning right on Road 6320. Follow Road 6320 for a mile; take another right onto the 6322 gravel road. Travel up 6322 for approximately 5 miles, bearing left onto Road 4620. Travel 3 miles to the trailhead on the right.

