

SURVEYOR'S RIDGE TRAIL #688



Northwest Forest Pass	→	Required (Southern Access)
Distance	→	13 miles one-way
Elevation	→	High 4,280 feet – Low 2,650 feet
Snow Free	→	May – October
Difficulty	→	Strenuous

Directions to Trailhead: Northern Access: Travel south from Hood River on HWY 35 approximately 14 miles. Turn left on Pine Mont Driver (Forest Service Road 17) and drive 5 more miles to Road 630 (just past the power lines). Turn right on the Road 630 and follow to parking area. **Southern Access:** Travel south from Hood River on HWY 35 for 26 miles to the Forest Service Road 44. Turn left and follow Road 44 for 3.5 miles to Road 620. The trail crosses Road 620 a few yards from the junction with Road 44.

Trail Highlights: In addition to magnificent views of Mt. Hood and the Hood River Valley, points of interest include: a climb to the top of Rim Rock (former lookout tower site), a passage through Cook's Meadow, and a look at an aqueduct that once distributed water to The Dalles Watershed. In the spring and summer, the section of the trail between Forest Service Road 640 (continuing past the trailhead) up to Bald Butte displays an outstanding view of wildflowers. If you have the time and energy, the climb to Bald Butte presents unsurpassable views.

Trail Description: The trail rolls along a ridge top, resulting in a mixture of steep up and downhill areas as well as flat sections. Landscape varies from open slopes and meadows, to rocky outcroppings, to abandoned logging roads. The trail can be joined from access points along Road 17 for shorter biking and hiking trips. A strenuous 35 mile loop bike ride can be made in either direction by using the trail, Road 17, Highway 35, and Road 44. Gibson Prairie Campground, a 4-site campground designed especially for those traveling with a horse, can be reached by Surveyor's Ridge Trail or Road 17.

Please Note: This area is open to hikers, horses and mountain bikers. For the enjoyment of all recreation user groups. Please keep in mind the following: Mountain bikers should yield to both hikers and horses. Hikers should yield to horses. Horse riders should exercise caution.

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