



MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

MT HOOD INFORMATION CENTER 65000 E Hwy 26 Welches OR 622-7674/622-3360

TOP SPUR TRAIL #785

TRAIL BEGINS: 4000ft (1220 meters) elevation; at parking area on Road #1828-118.

TRAIL ENDS: 4280feet (1305 meters) elevation; at intersection with Bald Mountain Trail #784, Timberline Trail #600, Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000 (leading to Bald Mountain).

ACCESS: From the Zigzag Ranger Station, head north across Highway 26 to Lolo Pass Road. Follow Lolo Pass Road about 4miles to its intersection with Road #1825 and veer right. Approximately 1 mile later, veer left onto Road #1828. Stay on 1828 for about 6.5 miles, then turn right at the intersection with Road 1828-118. The roads are well signed from Road #1828 to the trailhead, barring vandalism. Please park "head in" at trailhead.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: Top Spur Trail # 785 is a short, relatively steep trail that leads to several trails in the Mt. Hood Wilderness. Some viewpoints on these trails are within one mile of their intersection with Top Spur.

Length: 0.5miles (0.8km)



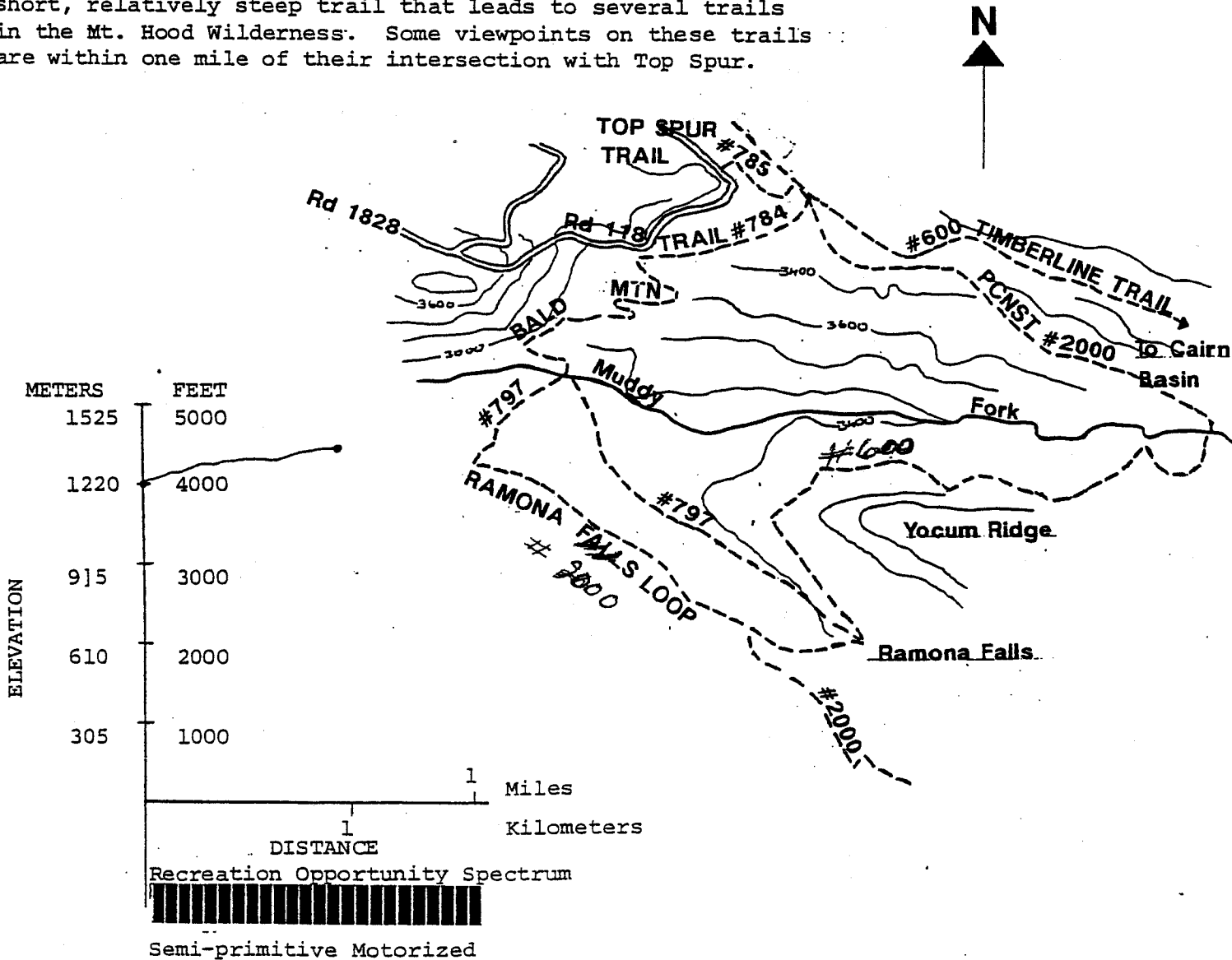
Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER



Use: Moderate

Difficulty: Moderate



NARRATIVE: TOP SPUR TRAIL #785

The Top Spur Trail allows quick access to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000 (PCNST), Bald Mountain Trail #784 and Timberline Trail #600. The closest viewpoint to Top Spur is on the PCNST, towards the Muddy Fork of the Sandy River. This viewpoint overlooks the Muddy Fork and Mount Hood. Huckleberries are found along Top Spur in the late summer.

The Bald Mountain Trail #784 and the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 are both open to horses. However, the portion of the PCNST between Bald Mountain and Ramona Falls is not recommended for equestrian use due to frequent slides. The Bald Mountain Trail is a highly recommended alternative route. Timberline Trail #600 is closed to horses. The Top Spur trail leads to trails within the Mt. Hood Wilderness. All trails within wilderness are closed to bicycle and motorcycle use. Wilderness permits are required in the wilderness. They are self-issuing at trailheads or at the wilderness boundary.

WATER STATEMENT:

Unfortunately, open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal wastes. Water from springs, lakes, ponds and streams should not be used for drinking without proper treatment. A recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes.