



MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST
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VEDA LAKE TRAIL #673

TRAIL BEGINS: 1354 meters (4440 feet) Elevation
On the north side of Road 2613 across from the
Fir Tree Campground.

TRAIL ENDS: 1293 meters (4240 feet) Elevation
On the north side of Veda Lake.

ACCESS: Follow US 26, .4 mile east of Government
Camp turning south on Road 2650 into the Still
Creek Campground. Drive through the Campground,
continue for 1 mile on 2650-131. Turn right at
the A-frame cabin continuing .5 mile on Road
2612-126 to a four-way junction. Head south
3.5 miles to Fir Tree Campground.

ATTRACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS: This relatively short
hike involving an equal amount (about 650') of uphill
and downhill hiking, leads to a small three-acre lake
with an excellent view of Mt. Hood. Fishing, swimming,
picnicking, and camping are enjoyed at this lake.

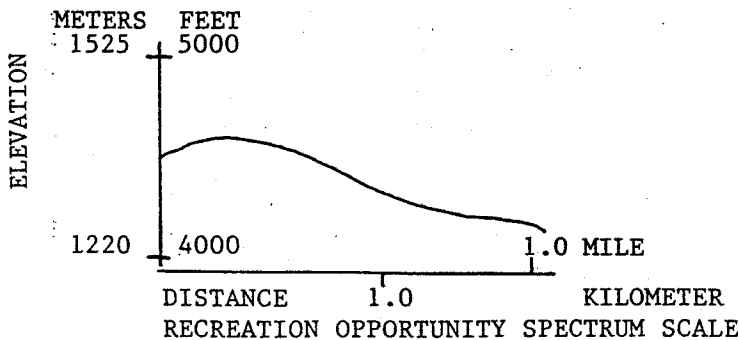
Length: 1.9km (1.2mi.)



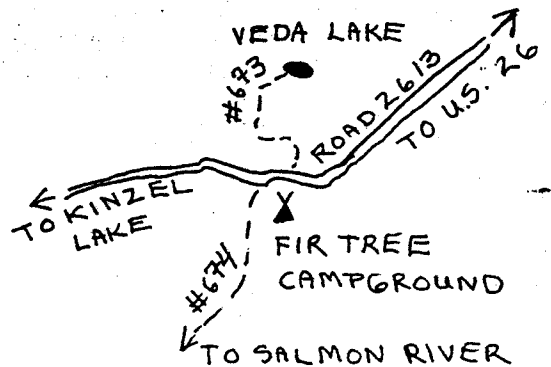
Recommend Season:

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER
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Use: Medium
Difficulty: Moderate



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From the trailhead the trail climbs through scattered huckleberry bushes for .4 mile, crosses over the ridge, and then drops via a series of switchbacks until the lake is reached in just over 1 mile. Although the temptation is great, please stay on the trail as shortcutting the switchbacks causes erosion and costly trail maintenance problems. The blooming rhododendrons, usually seen in late June to early July, are abundant on this section of trail.

As the trail curves around the lake, a short spur trail leading to campsites is intersected. If you plan on camping, please use these designated sites located away from the lakeshore but with an excellent view of Mt. Hood's south side. The large, elaborate stone fireplace found in one of the sites was constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. Remnants of similar stonework are also located in this area.

You can help preserve this unpolluted lake by doing your washing far away from the shorelines and either using the pit toilet provided or burying all human waste in 8" of soil well away from all water sources.

Portable backpacking stoves are recommended. The impacts from fire are long-lasting, and the available dead and down firewood in the immediate area has become diminished.

The 4 miles of Road 2613, the access road to Veda Lake, is a rough gravel, one-lane road with turnouts and is not recommended for trailers.

Forest regulations prohibit the use of horses and motorized vehicles on this trail to minimize resource damage and provide a safer trail for hikers.

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.

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