



ZIGZAG MOUNTAIN TRAIL SYSTEM #775

- 0.0 This trail starts with a steady climb for 3.3 miles, making use of 25 switchbacks to gain almost 3,500 feet in elevation.
- 3.3 Top of switchbacks, grade levels. Begin area of views and wildflowers.
- 4.7 Spring
- 5.1 Trail crosses under rock outcrop on ledge with views of Zigzag Valley.
- 5.4 View to the east.
- 5.6 Old West Zigzag Lookout site. Excellent view of Rhododendron and Zigzag River.
- 5.7 Junction West Zigzag Trail #789. This trail leads to Road 2627, 2.3 miles.
- 6.9 Top of ridge with views of surrounding country from beargrass and Huckleberry meadows.
- 7.5 Junction with Horseshoe Ridge Trail #774, which leads north 5.0 miles to near Riley Campground.
- 7.8 Dumbbell point, overlooking Dumbbell lake. (No trail access.)
- 8.2 View of Cast Lake, 400 feet below.
- 8.6 Trail begins descent to Cast Lake.
- 9.2 Junction with Devil's Tie Trail #767 to the right, which will take you to Devil's Meadow (1 mile) and Road 2627 (3 miles). turn left and continue to Cast Meadow.
- 9.7 Junction with Cast Creek Trail #775 which will take you to Riley Campground in 4.3 miles. Turn right and begin climb to top of East Zigzag Mountain. As of this writing Cast Creek Trail is closed for repairs, please check with the Mt. Hood Information Center to see if the trail has been re-opened.
- 10.2 Top of East Zigzag Mtn. Views of Cascade Range. Trail descends along ridge. Site of abandoned lookout.
- 10.3 Junction with Burnt Lake Trail #772 south which leads to Road 2627 in 3.5 miles.
- 10.5 Junction with the north portion of Burnt Lake Trail #772. Burnt Lake is 1 mile below. Turn right and climb along ridge. Carry water, this is a dry area.

- 10.9 Ridgetop. Here huckleberry bushes are abundant along with beargrass.
- 11.8 Viewpoint. From here all may be seen that lies south and west.
- 12.4 A spectacular view of Mt. Hood. At this point the trail descends along the ridge 300 feet into Lady Creek saddle before climbing towards Paradise Park.
- 13.1 Bottom of saddle. The trail starts its climb into the alpine country through mixed meadows and conifer trees.
- 14.1 Stream.
- 14.4 End of Zigzag Mtn. Trail #775 and junction with Paradise Park Trail #778. Turn left for Paradise Park, 1.4 miles, and Timberline Lodge, 5.0 miles. (Remember, horses are not allowed above the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail which is .3 mile east. Horsepeople, please tie your horse to the hitchrack and walk. This is so everyone may enjoy the meadows and all the wild flowers of Paradise Park.)

Zigzag Mountain Trail is shared by equestrians and hikers. Wilderness regulations prohibit the use of motorized vehicles and bicycles on this trail to protect the fragile environment and provide a safer, more desirable trail for hikers and horseback riders.

#### 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.

