

Timberline Trail #600

Recreation Opportunity Guide



Distance..... 24.5 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 3480-7320 feet
Snow Free July to October



Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Mount Hood Wilderness Area. The Timberline Trail is a classic Pacific Northwest trail circumnavigating Mount Hood with alpine vistas, waterfalls, alpine meadows and west side Cascade forest. It was constructed primarily by Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's and encircles Mount Hood at or near treeline. The segment of trail between Timberline Lodge and Yocum Ridge overlaps the Pacific Crest Trail #2000. The Timberline Trail itself is 24.5 miles long, but the entire 'round the mountain trail' including the PCT is 41.5 miles long.

Trail Description: This trail can be accessed from many different points. The trail climbs in and out of glacial fed drainages throughout its length. Most hikers find the fast moving river fords to be the most challenging part of the trail. Newton, Eliot, Coe, Muddy Fork, Sandy and White Rivers are typically the most challenging fords but are typically not more than knee deep.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required between May 15 and Oct 15.
- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.
- Campfires are prohibited in these areas:
 - Within 500 feet of Ramona Falls and McNeil Point
 - Within the tree covered island in Elk Cove and Elk Meadows
 - Within Paradise Park
- Camping is prohibited in the following locations:
 - Within any meadow
 - Within the tree covered islands of Elk Cove and Elk Meadows
 - Within 500 feet of Ramona Falls

Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to www.LNT.org or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

Map and driving directions on next page

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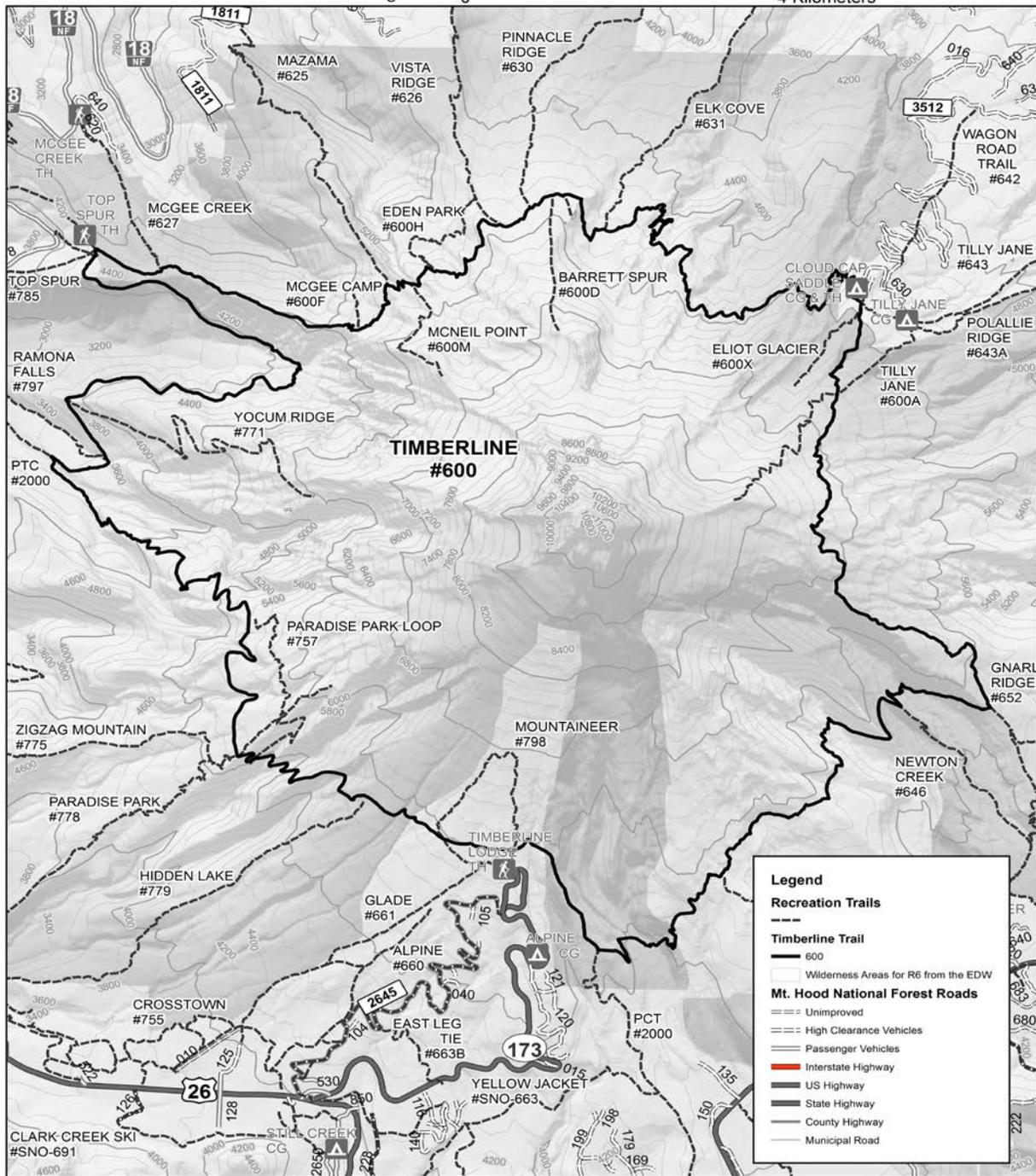
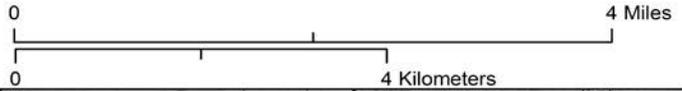
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Directions to Trailhead: There are several trailheads that access the Timberline Trail #600. Please see the related trail Recreational Opportunity Guides for directions to access this trail.

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Recommended maps: Green Trails – Mt Hood Climbing/Timberline Tr. OR #462s
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