Collings Mountain Trail #943
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LENGTH: 7.0 miles (one way)
SEASON: All Seasons
LEVEL OF USE: Light
ELEVATION: 2000-3040 feet
CONNECTING TRAILS: Da-Ku-Be-Te-De #940

Trail Information: This trail features spectacular views of the Siskiyou Crest and Applegate Lake, and passes a number of mine adits—tunnels with one entrance. Of particular interest, the only Bigfoot trap known in the world is on this trail!

Named for two brothers who mined in this vicinity during the 1850s and 1860s, this trail offers a variety of recreational and educational opportunities.

Beginning at Hart-Tish picnic area, the trail crosses Upper Applegate Road and drops down to Grouse Creek. An abandoned miner’s cabin and an inactive Bigfoot trap are located at mile 0.75.

Leaving Grouse Creek, the trail climbs steeply for one mile to the ridgetop, gaining 1000 feet in elevation, and begins a long traverse of the western slope of Collings Mountain. Excellent panoramic views of Applegate Lake and the Siskiyou Crest are available along the trail.

After traversing below the ridgeline for 2 miles, the trail then descends steadily for 3 miles to Watkins Campground. The final 0.5 mile of trail passes through the scar of the 62-acre Watkins Fire (1981).

Getting There
Access #1 (Hart-tish): From Ruch, OR, travel south on Upper Applegate Road for 15.6 miles to Hart-tish Park. Parking is limited along Upper Applegate Road. More parking is available at the Hart-tish Day-Use area, which has a day fee ($5.00).

Access #2 (Watkins Campground): From Hart-tish Park, continue south on Upper Applegate Road for 3 miles to Watkins Campground.

Considerations: Use caution on blind corners. Hikers and bikers should yield the right-of-way to pack or saddle animals.

Prepare for your hike! Carry plenty of water. Water sources have not been tested and may be unsafe to drink. Water treatment is recommended.

Potential hazards on this trail include poison oak, ticks, and rattlesnakes.