

Horseshoe Ridge Trail #774



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 4.6 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 2000-4700 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Mt Hood Wilderness Area. The highest part of the trail enters alpine terrain on Zigzag Mountain's ridgeline. A long loop can be done by combining Horseshoe Ridge Trail with segments of Zigzag Mountain Trail #775 and Cast Creek Trail #773.

Trail Description: The trail begins at Riley Horse Camp in what is known as the "Old Maid Flat" area. The ¾ mile of this trail is relatively flat. After crossing Lost Creek at ¾ mile, bridged for hikers and a ford for stock, the trail begins a steady 3.9 mile climb along Horseshoe Ridge. The trail ends as it breaks out of treeline on Zigzag Mountain.

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.

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>

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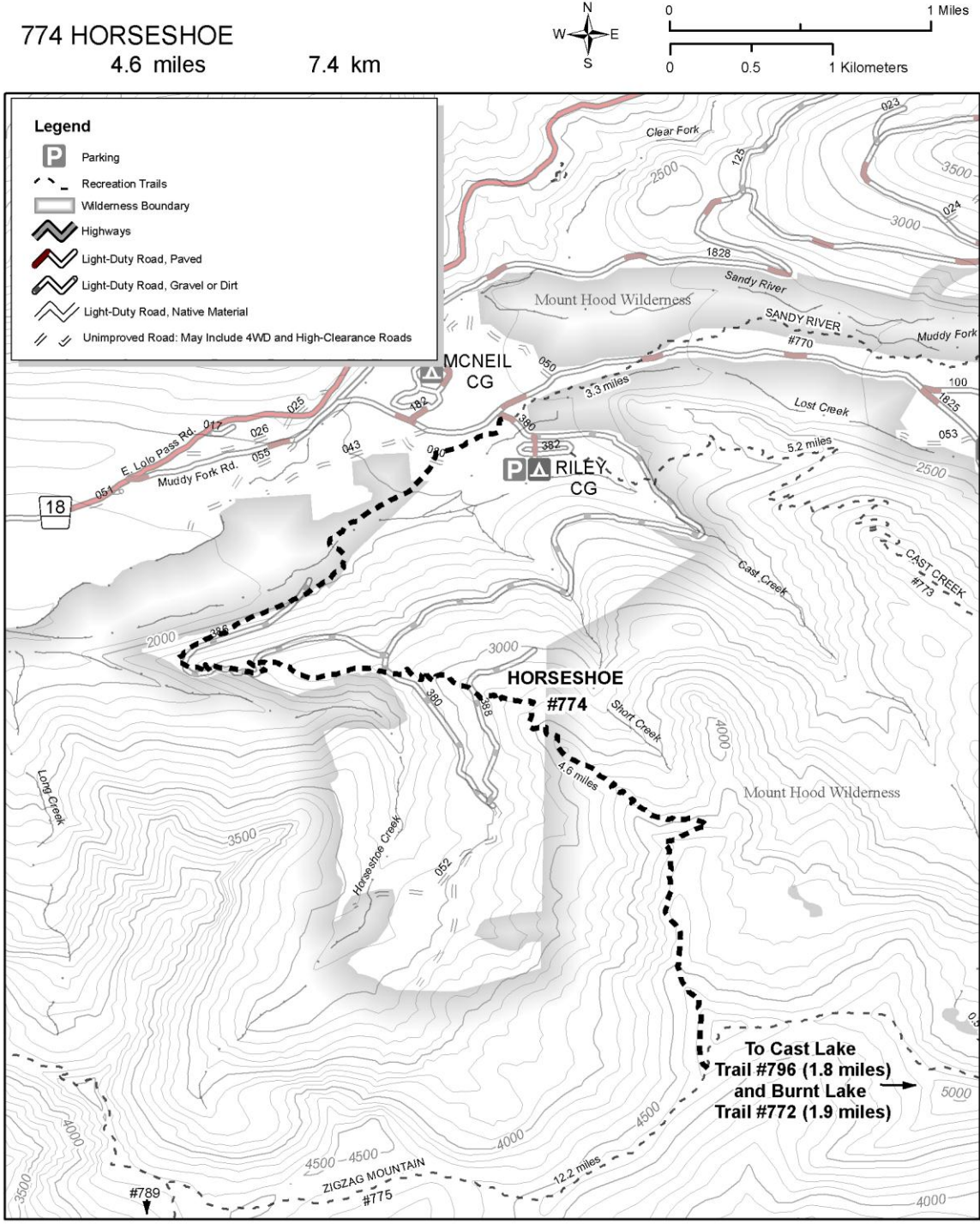
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Directions to Trailhead: From Portland follow U.S. Hwy 26 for 17.5 miles east of Sandy to the community of Zigzag. Turn left (north) at E Lolo Pass Road (Forest Road 18) and follow it for 4 miles. Turn right at Muddy Fork Road (Forest Road 1825) and continue for 0.7 mile. Take the first right onto Muddy Fork Road (Forest Road 1825) and travel 0.5 mile to another right turn at Forest Road 1825-380. Travel another 0.1 mile before turning right into Riley Campground. Continue through the campground to the parking area. The trail starts on the southwest side of Forest Road 1825-380, 150 feet from the intersection with Forest Road 1825, and 500 feet before the entrance into Riley Campground.



Recommended maps: Zigzag Ranger District

