

Zigzag Mountain Trail #775



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 12.2 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 1600-5040 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This trail is in the Mount Hood Wilderness Area and it provides the west to east transportation network for the upper south slope of Mount Hood. Two abandoned lookout sites are located along the trail. Huckleberries can be abundant from September to frost. There are many great views of Mt. Hood along this trail.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Forest Road 1819 (East Mountain Drive) and ends at Paradise Park Trail #778. This frequently maintained trail is mostly moderately wide single track trail with the occasional rocky section. Trail traffic is typically light to moderate with the most traffic seen from Devil's Tie Trail #767 to Horseshoe Ridge #774. Leaving from Forest Road 1819 (1,600'), the trail climbs 3.5 miles to Zigzag Mountain (4,400'). The trail continues on the ridge 1.1 miles to West Zigzag Mountain Trail #789, shortly after passing West Zigzag Mountain. From Trail #789, the trail continues on the ridge heading west 1.9 miles to Horseshoe Trail #774. From this junction, the trail continues climbing 1.6 miles to Devil's Tie Trail #767. Head north from #767 0.2 miles to the Cast Lake Trail #796. Stay straight on #775 0.1 mile to Cast Creek Trail #773. The trail heads west again for 0.7 mile passing Zigzag East Lookout on the way to Burnt Lake Trail #772. Continue a further 0.3 mile to a second junction with Burnt Lake Trail #772. From here the trail continues climbing west 2.9 miles to its end at Paradise Park Trail #778 (5,040'). There are few reliable sources for water along this trail, so be sure to carry enough water. There are many trails intersecting this trail that make interesting additions to an out-and-back route or a point-to-point, shuttle route.

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>

Map and driving directions on next page

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503-668-1700

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70220 E. Highway 26
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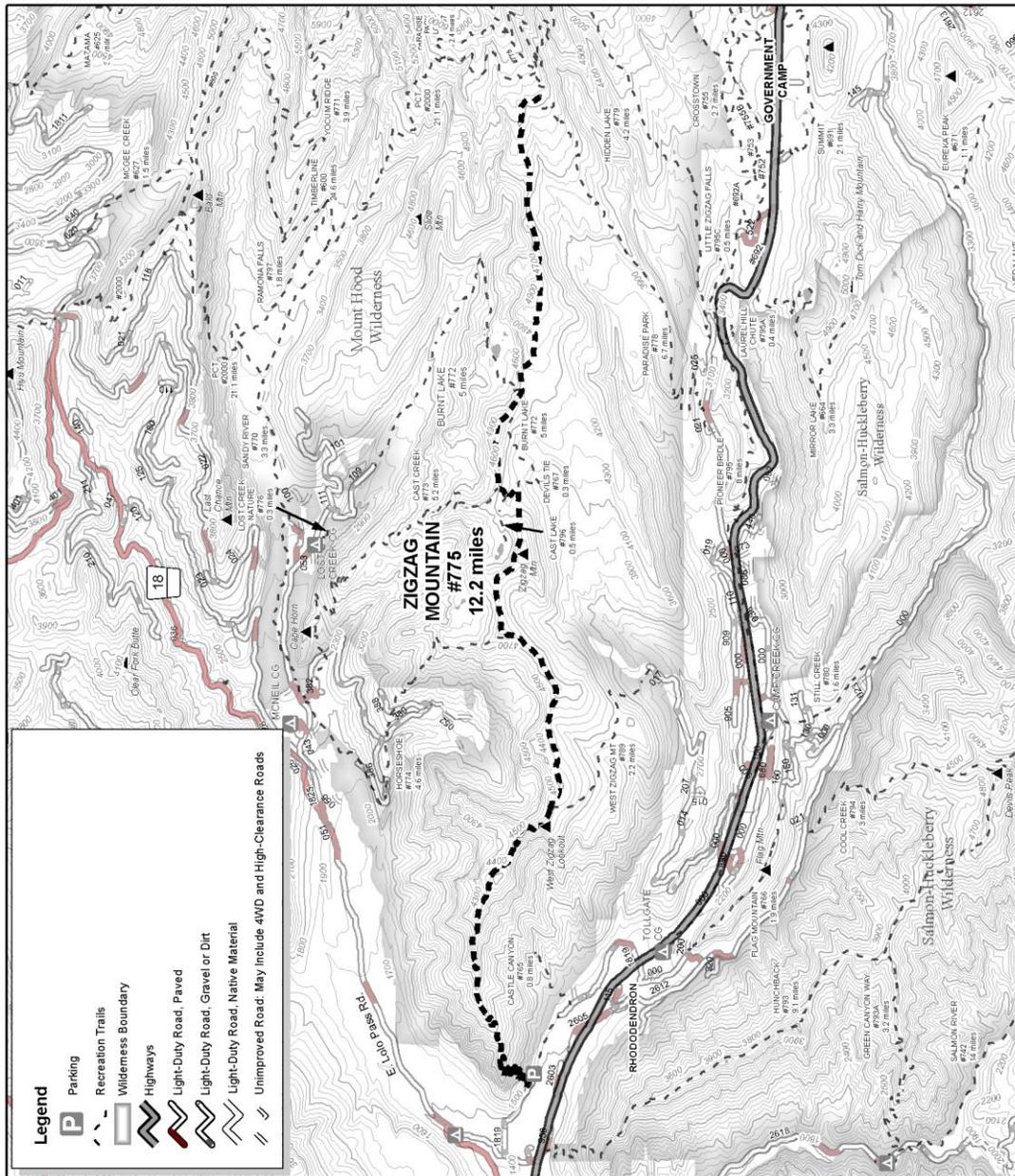
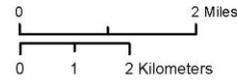
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Directions to Trailhead: To reach the west end of Zigzag Mountain trail from Portland, follow U.S. Hwy 26 17.5 miles east of Sandy to Zigzag. At Zigzag, approximately 0.4 mile past milepost 42, turn left (north) on Lolo Pass Road (Forest Road 18) and follow it for 0.3 mile to East Mountain Drive (Forest Road 1819). Turn right (east) on East Mountain Drive and follow it for 0.5 mile. The trailhead sign is on the left (northeast) side of the road.

To reach the east end of Zigzag Mountain trail from Portland, follow US Hwy 26 for 23.5 miles east of Sandy to Forest Road 2639 (marked by a sign indicating the Kiwanis Camp) and turn left (northeast). Travel 1.2 miles to a sign indicating Paradise Park Trail #778 (Forest Road 2639-021). Turn left (north), cross a bridge and travel approximately 100 feet to the trailhead sign. Follow Paradise Park Trail #778 for 5.3 miles to the junction with Zigzag Mountain Trail #775.

775 ZIGZAG MOUNTAIN
12.2 miles 19.6 km



Recommended maps: Zigzag Ranger District

