

# Paradise Park Trail #778



Northwest  
Forest Pass  
Required  
May 15-Oct 1



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 6.7 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 2800-6240 feet  
Snow Free ..... July to October



**Trail Highlights:** This trail enters the Mount Hood Wilderness Area. This trail climbs a forested ridge above the north side of the Zigzag River eventually accessing the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and Paradise Park, an alpine meadow with outstanding view of Mt Hood.

**Trail Description:** This trail begins at Forest Road 2639-021 (2,800') and ends at Paradise Park Loop Trail #757 (5,760'). From Forest Road 2639-021, the trail climbs gradually before starting up several switchbacks to a flat point after 1.7 miles. The trail continues northwest 0.7 mile to a ridgeline. The trail follows the ridgeline and climbs 3.25 miles to the junction with Zigzag Mountain Trail #775. There are nice views of the Zigzag Canyon along the ridgeline. Continue straight on #778 and after 0.2 mile the trail reaches the junction with the Pacific Crest Trail #2000. The trail continues through meadows and more open forest 0.5 mile to Paradise Park Loop Trail #757. This junction is considered the old trail's end. The trail continues, however, a further 0.5 mile through alpine meadows to a spectacular viewpoint (6,240'). Part of this trail was reconstructed in 1999 changing the steeper sections into more gradual terrain with switchbacks. The trail is a steady climb most of its length. While it does follow a ridgeline, it is not an "exposed ridge" that would be precarious for stock.

### 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](http://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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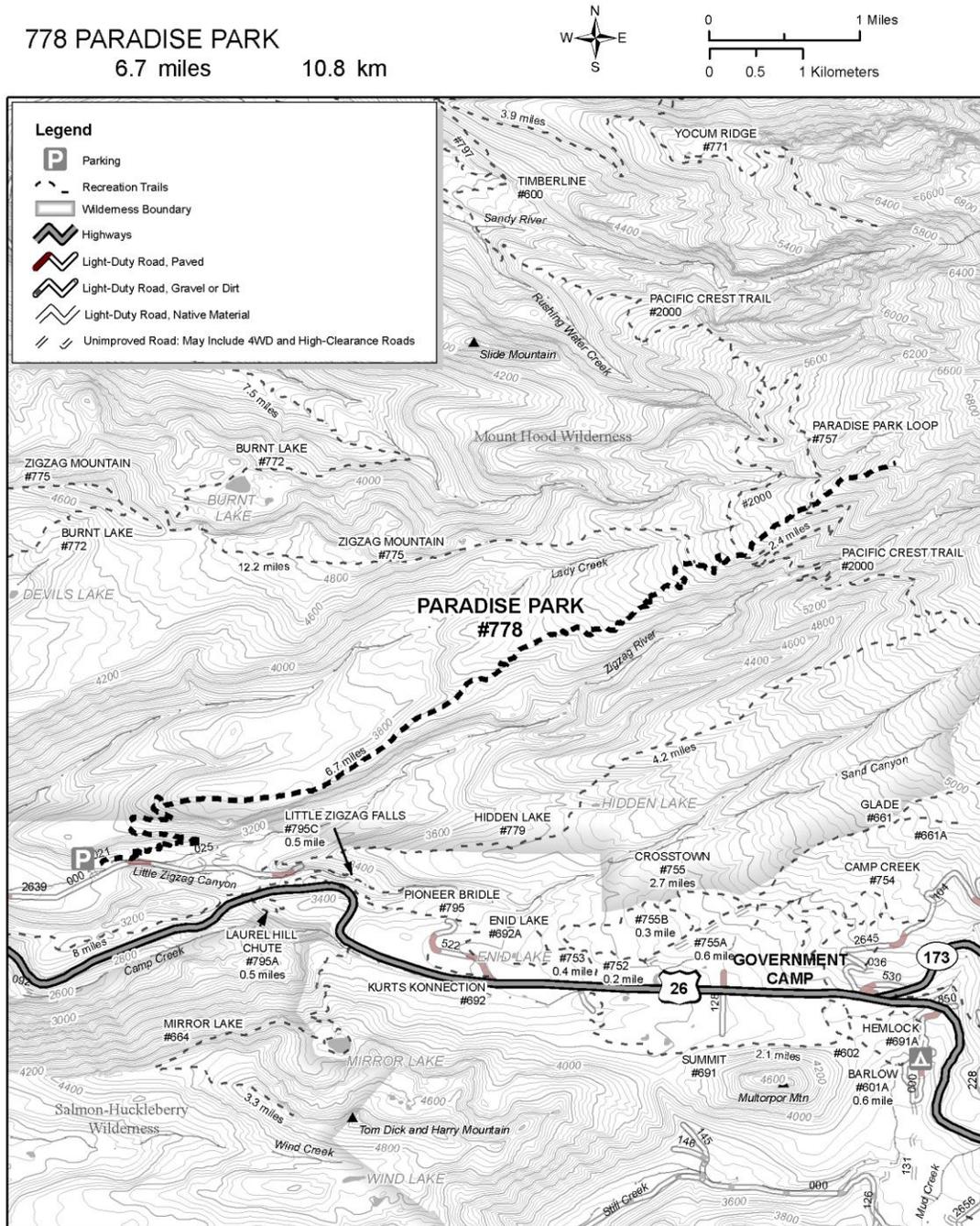
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Portland, follow U.S. Hwy 26 22 miles east of Sandy and turn left (north) at Kiwanis Camp Road (Forest Road 2639) (approximately 0.6 mile east of milepost 48). Travel 1.2 miles on Kiwanis Camp Road to Forest Road 2639-021. Turn left (north) onto Forest Road 2639-021 and park in the parking area near the end of the road.



**Recommended maps:** Zigzag Ranger District

