

Pioneer Bridle Trail #795



Northwest
Forest Pass
Required
May 15-Oct 1

Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 8 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 1800-3600 feet
Snow Free May to November



Bikes



Hikers/Horses

Trail Highlights: Pioneer Bridle Trail connects the towns of Government Camp and Rhododendron. Part of the trail follows segments of the historic Barlow Road. The entire trail stays in the forest and is within earshot of the highway.

Trail Description: This is a major mountain bike route. From Glacier View Trailhead (3,600') this trail descends most of its length to Tollgate Trailhead (1,800'). The first segment from Glacier View to the "tunnel" is mostly gentle climbing and is fairly wide. From the tunnel the trail climbs up to a mineshaft then descends more steeply to where it crosses US Hwy 26. Immediately after crossing US Hwy 26 stay right where the trail intersects the powerline trail which parallels the Pioneer Bridle trail to the south. Take the time to occasionally look up for power lines to make sure you are following the correct trail. This section also has a narrower trail width. From US Hwy 26 the grade becomes gentle but several areas of the trail section are very rocky. After crossing the Zigzag river, the trail returns to narrower single track trail. This popular trail is open to hikers, horses and mountain bikes so an awareness and consideration of other users is needed.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

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.fed.us/r6/mthood/recreation>

Map and driving directions on next page

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Sandy, OR 97055
503-668-1700

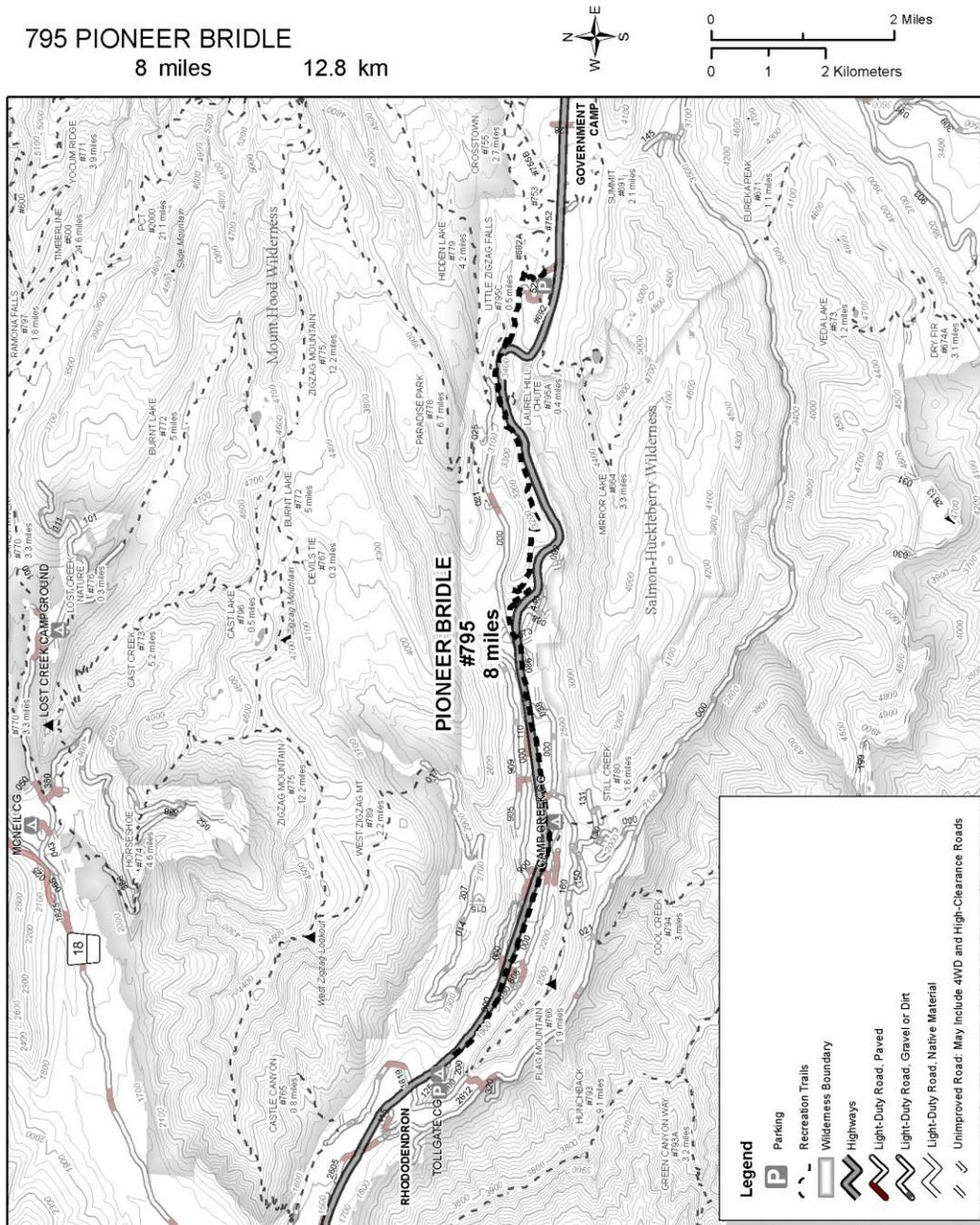
Hood River Ranger District
6780 Hwy 35
Parkdale, Oregon 97041
541-352-6002

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Directions to Trailhead: To access the eastern end of Pioneer Bridle Trail #795 from Portland, travel 27.5 miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26. Turn left (north) at the Forest Road 2600-522. The trailhead is on the east side of the parking area towards Government Camp (approximately 0.5 miles east of milepost 44). The trail leaves from the parking area.

To access the western end of Pioneer Bridle Trail #795 from Portland, travel 19.9 miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26. Turn right (south) 0.1 mile past Tollgate Campground (approximately 0.9 miles east of milepost 44). The trailhead is on the east side of the parking area.



Recommended maps: Zigzag Ranger District

