

Rainy Wahtum Trail #409



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 3 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 4000-4500 feet
Snow Free July to October



Trail Highlights: This is a good ridge hike between Rainy Lake and Wahtum Lake. There are many vistas in open areas along the way. Views of Mount Hood to the south dominate. The enjoyable summit of Tomlike Mountain and Woolly Horn Ridge are close enough to encourage exploration. Loop possibilities exist with other trails in the area.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Rainy Lake Campground (4,000) and ends at Anthill Trail #406B (4,400'). The trail follows Waucoma Ridge along an old abandoned road between Rainy Lake and Wahtum Lake. Starting at Rainy Lake Campground, the trail heads west on an old road bed and climbs up to Waucoma Ridge. Within a mile the trail reaches Gorton Creek Trail #408 just below the ridge. A little further up will be Herman Cutoff. The trail along the ridge is sometimes rocky, but affords good views. After 3 miles the trail reaches the junction with Anthill Trail #406B (4,400'). To get to Wahtum Lake Trailhead, go left (south) on #406B for another 1.5 miles. This trail curves east above Wahtum Lake and provides excellent views of Chinidere Mountain and Wahtum Lake. To make an 8.3 mile loop from the south end of this trail (hikers and horses only as the loop enters the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness), turn right (west) onto #406B for 0.5 mile to Herman Creek Trail #406. Turn right (north) onto #406 and travel 2.7 miles to Herman Cutoff #410 (2,880'). Turn right onto #410 and head uphill towards Waucoma Ridge for 2.2 miles to the intersection with this trail (#409) (4,400'). Turn left onto this trail and head north 1.1 miles back to Rainy Lake Campground.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Bicycles are not allowed in the Wilderness.

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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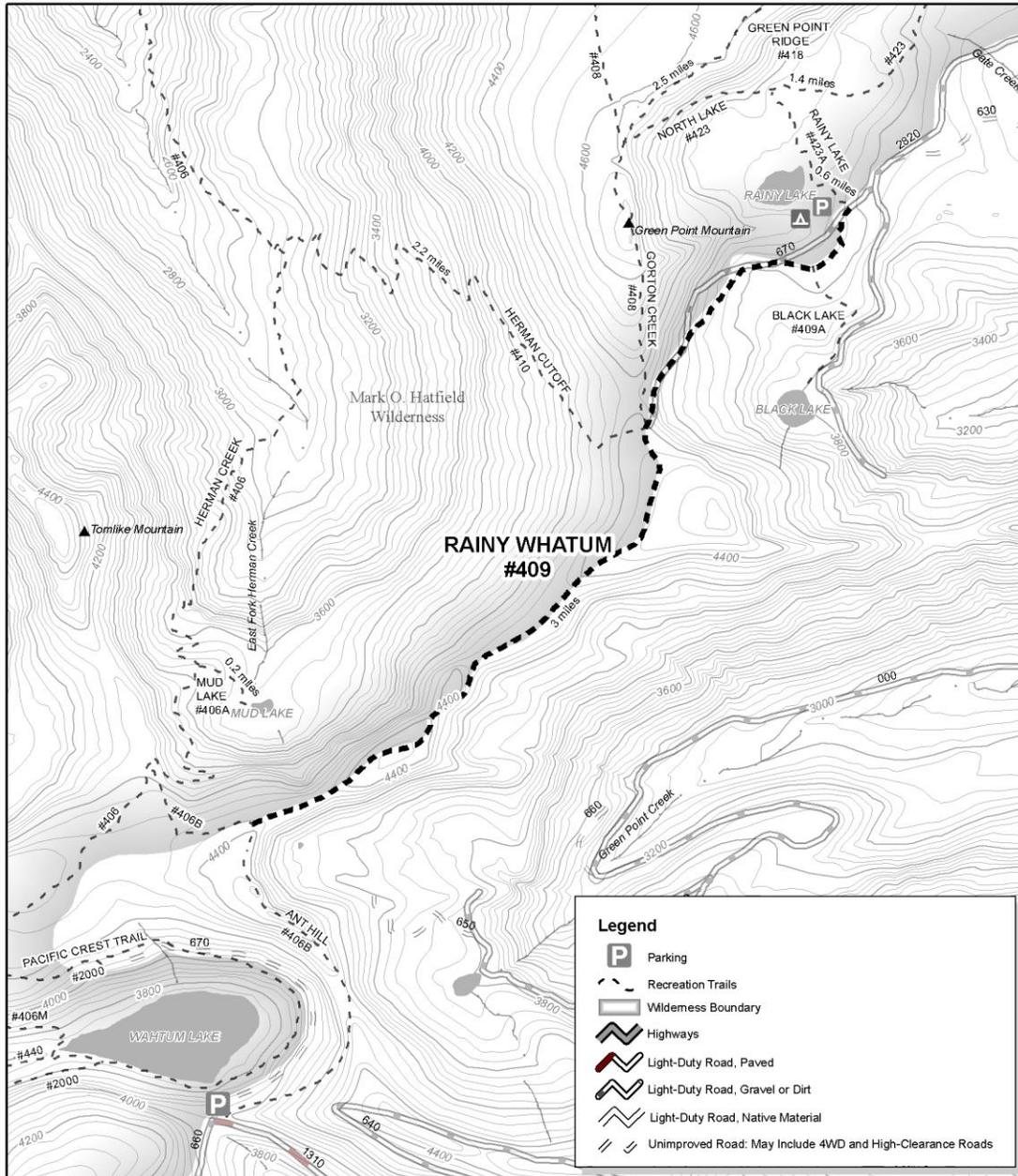
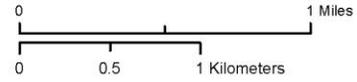
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Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River travel south on OR Hwy 281 Dee Highway (it goes past the Hood River airport) approximately 11 miles to Dee. Bear right at the old Dee Mill Site and cross the East Fork of the Hood River. Turn right again and go 1.2 miles up Punchbowl Road until it crosses the West Fork of the Hood River. The road becomes Dead Point Road (Forest Road 2820) here. Follow Dead Point Road 11 miles until you get to Rainy Lake Campground and Trailhead.

409 Rainy Whatum
3 miles

4.9 km



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District

