High Prairie Trail #493

Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance................................. 2.3 miles (round trip)
Elevation................................. 6000-6450 feet
Snow Free ................................. July to September

Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Badger Creek Wilderness Area. It overlooks every Cascade peak from the Three Sisters to Mount Rainier. It offers a rare panoramic view of the Columbia River Plateau and the Badger Creek Wilderness.

Trail Description: This loop trail can be done in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction. Travelling clockwise, head south from Forest Road 4420 0.01 mile to the junction with the west portion of this trail (#493). Continue south 1.2 miles to the junction with Divide Trail #458. To reach the summit of Lookout Mountain, turn left (east) and travel 300 feet. To complete the High Prairie Trail loop, turn right (west) on Divide Trail #458 and travel 0.25 mile to the junction with the west portion of this trail. Turn right (north) on this trail (#493) and travel 1.1 miles along the west end of the High Prairie to return to the trailhead at Forest Road 4420.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- 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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Sandy, OR 97055
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Dufur, Oregon 97021
541-467-2291
Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River, follow OR Hwy 35 26 miles south to Dufur Mill Road (Forest Road 44). Turn left (east) on Dufur Mill Road and travel 3.6 miles to High Prairie Road (Forest Road 4410). Turn south on High Prairie Road and go 4.8 miles to the intersection with Bennett Pass Road (Forest Road 3550) and Forest Road 4420. Turn left on Forest Road 4420 and travel 0.15 mile to the trailhead and parking area on the left. The trail leaves from the south side of Forest Road 4420.

Recommended maps: Barlow Ranger District