

# Memaloose Lake Trail #515



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 1.2 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 3440-4080 feet  
Snow Free ..... June to October



Most Difficult



**Trail Highlights:** This trail enters the Clackamas Wilderness Area. This popular hike goes through old growth forest on the way to Memaloose Lake.

**Trail Description:** This trail begins at Forest Road 45 (3,440') and ends at Memaloose Lake (4,080'). The trail climbs gradually for 0.8 mile to a series of switchbacks. Continue uphill another 0.4 mile to Memaloose Lake. Head left, cross the outlet, and you'll find several campsites. If you wish to climb South Fork Mountain, continue straight on this unmarked, unmaintained trail 1 mile to the summit.

### 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](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>

Map and driving directions on next page

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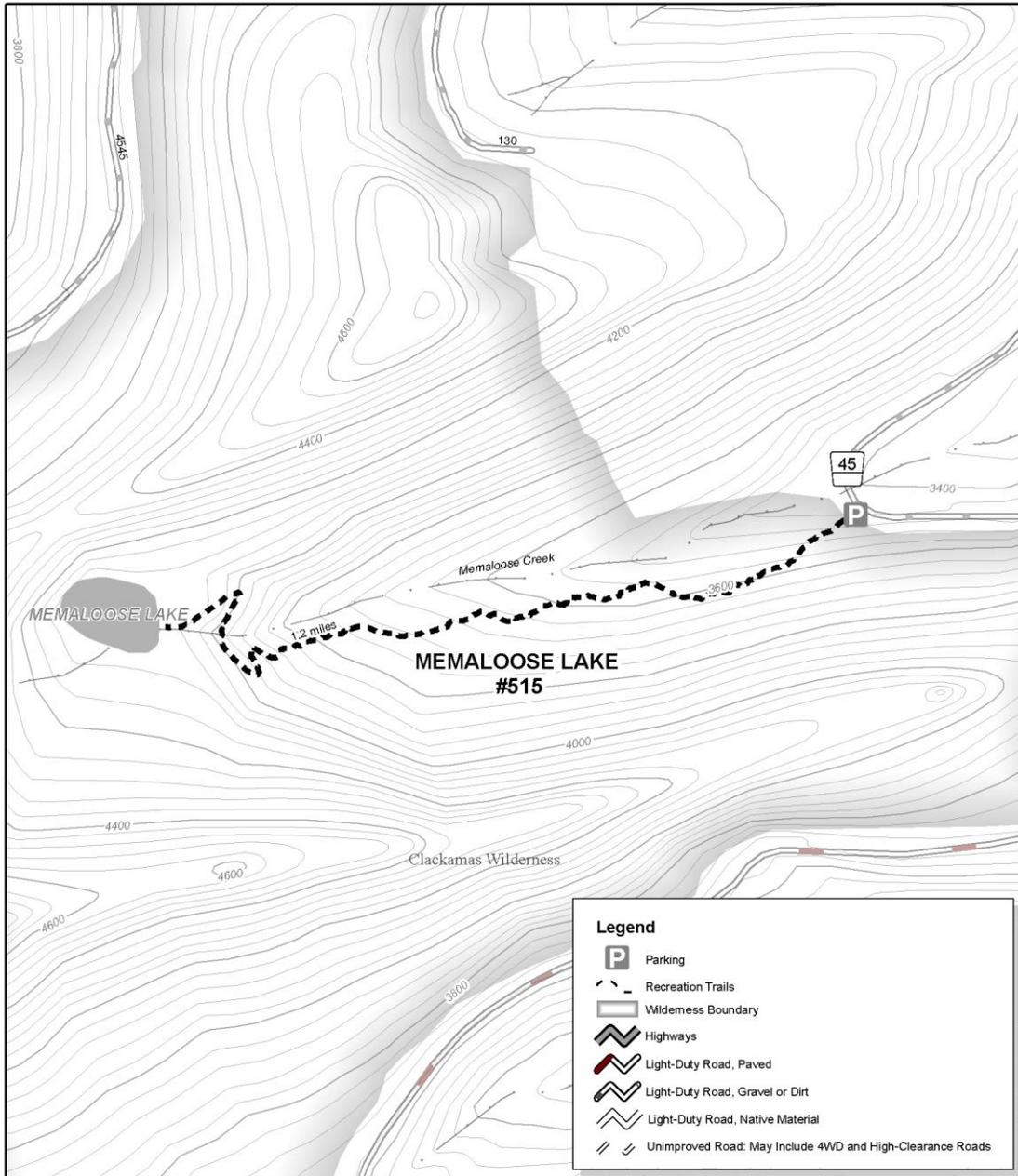
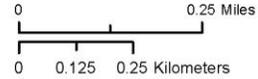
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Portland, travel east on US Hwy 26 to Sandy. Turn right (southwest) on OR Hwy 211 and travel 6.1 miles to OR Hwy 224. Turn left (southeast) on OR Hwy 224 and travel 14.7 miles to Forest Road 45. Take the right fork onto Forest Road 45 and travel 12.1 miles to the parking area for the trailhead on the south side of the road.

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**Recommended maps:** Clackamas Ranger District

