

Gnarl Ridge Cutoff Trail #652A



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 0.6 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 5150-5520 feet
Snow Free July to October



Trail Highlights: This trail is in the Mount Hood Wilderness on the east side of Mount Hood. The trail connects Elk Meadows Perimeter Trail #645A with Gnarl Ridge Trail #652.

Trail Description: This trail starts at its junction with Elk Meadows Perimeter Trail #645A (5,150') and ends at Gnarl Ridge Trail #652 (5,520'). The trail heads uphill (west) from Elk Meadows. The trail gets steeper as it nears Gnarl Ridge Trail #652. Visitors wishing to access Timberline Trail #600 should continue northeast 0.2 mile on Gnarl Ridge Trail #652 to its junction with Timberline Trail #600.

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 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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503-668-1700

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Parkdale, Oregon 97041
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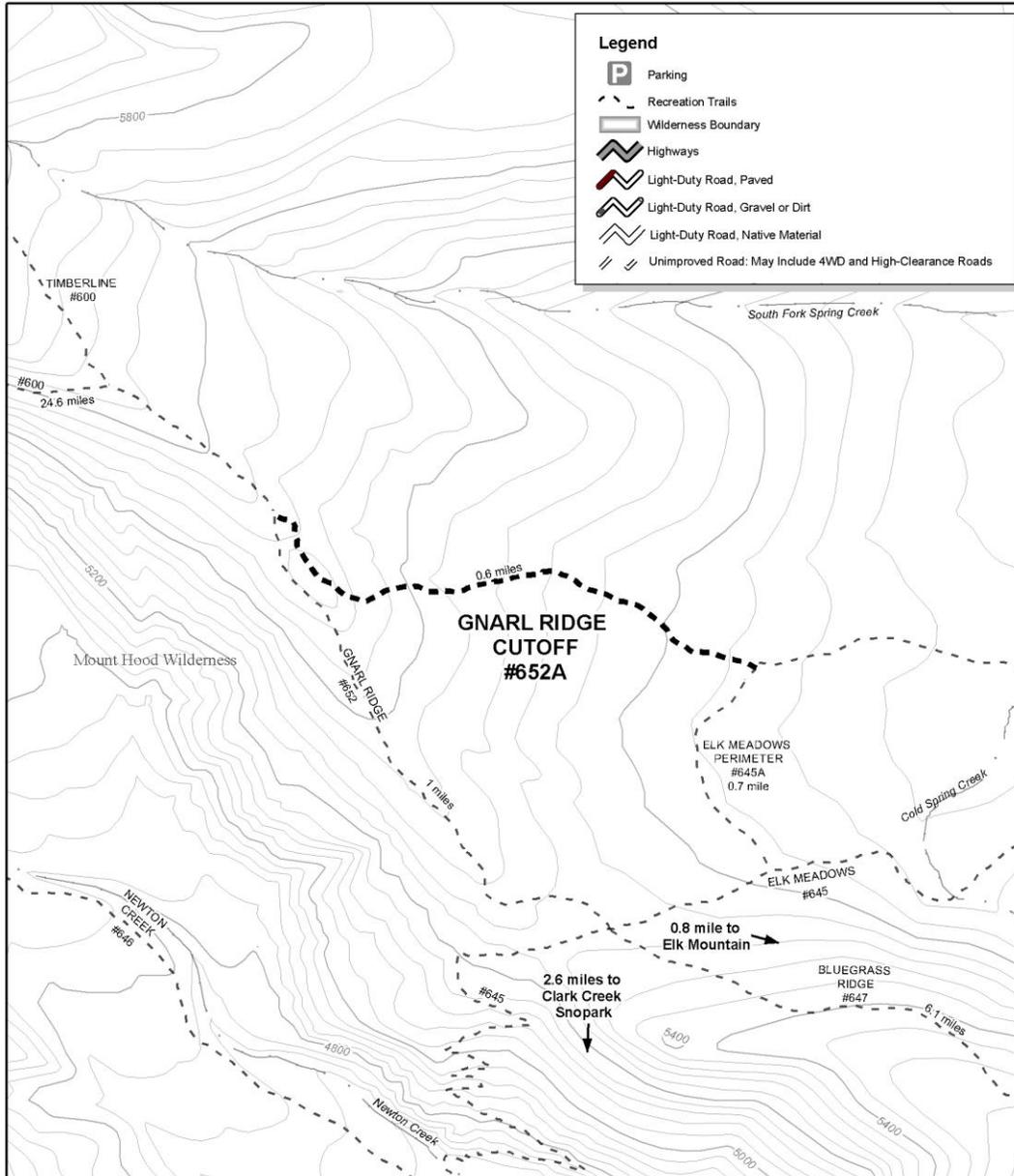
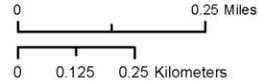
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Directions to Trailhead: This trail starts at its junction with Elk Meadows Perimeter Trail #645A (5,150') and ends at Gnarl Ridge Trail #652 (5,520'). The trail is best accessed by Elk Meadows Trail #645 from the Clark Creek Snopark Trailhead. To reach the Clark Creek Snopark from Portland, travel approximately 31 miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26 to the intersection with Oregon Hwy 35. Turn north onto Oregon Hwy 35 and travel 8.1 miles to Clark Creek Snopark (Forest Road 3500-770). Follow Elk Meadows Trail #645 approximately 2.6 miles to the junction with Gnarl Ridge Trail #652 and Elk Meadows Trail #645. Continue on Elk Meadows Trail #645 0.2 mile to Elk Meadows Perimeter Trail #645A. Turn left (north) on Elk Meadows Perimeter Trail #645A and travel 0.7 mile to the beginning of this trail.

652A Gnarl Ridge Cutoff
0.6 miles

1 km



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District

