

# Gunsight Trail #685



Northwest  
Forest Pass  
Required  
May 15-Oct 1



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 5.3 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 5320-5920 feet  
Snow Free ..... June to October



**Trail Highlights:** This trail follows a ridgeline west of the Badger Creek Wilderness to Gunsight Butte. Spectacular views of Mount Hood are found at several points along the trail.

**Trail Description:** This trail begins at Bennett Pass Road (Forest Road 3530) and ends at Gumjuwac Saddle near Forest Road 3531 (5,240'). From Bennett Pass Road (4,120'), the trail heads north along a ridge overlooking Badger Creek. After 0.9 mile the trail reaches Camp Windy Trail #685A. From here the trail continues north, and 2.2 miles beyond the junction with #685A, the trail joins Bennett Pass Road (Forest Road 3550). The trail follows the road for 0.2 miles before heading north. 0.2 mile after leaving the Bennett Pass Road, the trail reaches Gunsight Butte (5,900'). Continue north 1.4 miles to the trail's end at Gumjuwac Pass. The majority of this trail is under high elevation fir and pine trees with occasional openings looking east and west. There are several challenging technical sections for mountain bikes including exposed rock, rock slide areas and several difficult switchbacks.

## 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](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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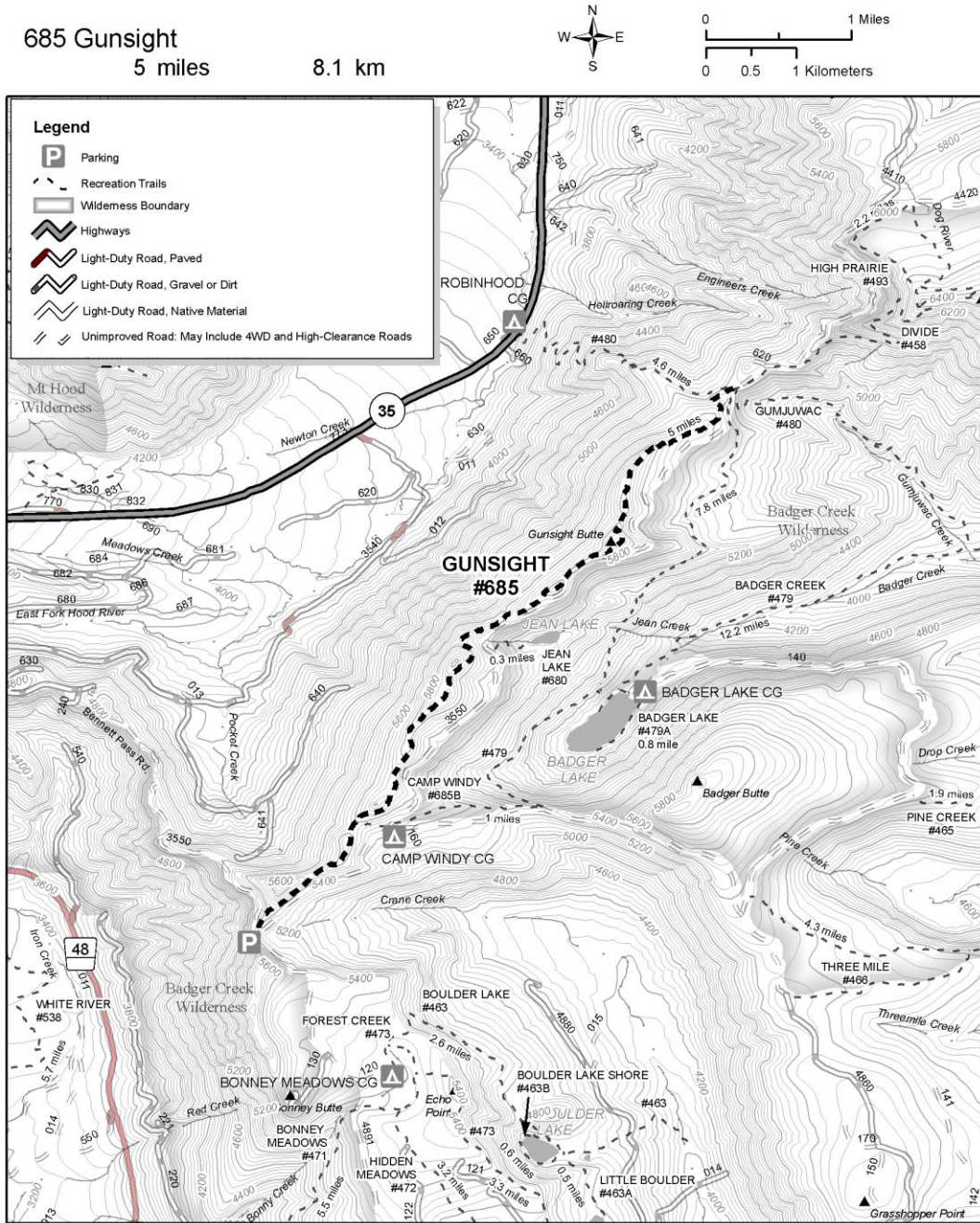
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6780 Hwy 35  
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Hood River, take Oregon Hwy 35 south 32.5 miles, approximately 0.25 mile south of milepost 64, to Bennett Pass (Forest Road 3550). Follow Bennett Pass Road for 4.2 miles to the trailhead at the junction with Bonney Meadows Road (Forest Road 4891). The trail leaves from the north end of the parking area.

From Portland, travel 31 miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26 and exit onto OR Hwy 35. Follow OR Hwy 35 for 6.4 miles to Bennett Pass Road (Forest Road 3550). Turn right onto Bennett Pass Road and follow it for 4.2 miles to the trailhead at the junction with Bonney Meadows Road (Forest Road 4891). The trail leaves from the north end of the parking area.



**Recommended maps:** Barlow Ranger District

