Pinnacle Ridge Trail #630

Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance........................................ 3.1 miles (one way)
Elevation........................................ 3720-5760 feet
Snow Free ...................................... July to October

Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Mount Hood Wilderness Area on the north side of Mount Hood. The trail generally follows Pinnacle Ridge up the North Side of Mt Hood. The trail takes you up to the scenic timberline area of Wy'east Basin and the Barrett Spur. On the upper part of the trail, alpine meadows are crossed and there are close views of Mt Hood's snowfields and spurs. Along the way there are open areas with expansive views to the north.

Trail Description: This trail starts at the Forest Road 2840 (3,720') near Kinnikinnick Campground and ends at its junction with Timberline Trail #600 (5,760'). The trail is easy to follow and well maintained. The first half of the trail has moderate grades on good tread. The upper half of the trail is steeper, with a narrower tread. The trail crosses a couple of small streams as it heads up the ridge. Where the trees start to thin out in the upper portion, there is a wet meadow area to cross. The trail becomes faint here, but picks up again in the trees after the bog. The trail ends at its junction with Timberline Trail #600. To visit the Eden Park area, turn right on #600 and travel 0.3 mile to the junction with Eden Park Trail #600H. Follow #600H 1.6 miles through Eden Park to Timberline Trail #600. Turn left (east) and follow #600 1.3 miles back to the south end of this trail (#630). To visit Dollar Lake from the south end of this trail (#630), turn left (east) on #600 and travel 0.3 mile to the junction with Dollar Lake Trail #600C. Turn right (south) and travel 0.2 mile to Dollar Lake. To make an 8.7 mile loop, continue on Timberline Trail #600 0.7 mile to Elk Cove Trail #631. Turn left (north-northeast) on #631 and travel 4.6 miles to Laurence Lake Road (Forest Road 2840). Leave a car here or follow Forest Road 2840 approximately 2.5 miles (making the loop total 11.2 miles) back to the trailhead for this trail at Forest Road 2840.

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

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Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River, take Oregon Hwy 35 south 15 miles to the town of Mount Hood. Turn right at Oregon Hwy 281 (Cooper Spur Rd), near milepost 85, and travel 2 miles to the town of Parkdale. From the center of Parkdale, go south on Clear Creek Road (across from McIsaacs Store) and travel approximately 2.7 miles to Laurance Lake Road (Forest Road 2840). Head right (west) on Laurance Lake Road approx 4.2 miles to Kinnikinnick Campground at Laurance Lake. Just west of Kinnikinnick Campground, leave the pavement, turn left and head south on Forest Road 2840 for approximately 2.8 miles to Forest Road 2840-670. Take Forest Road 670 uphill 0.15 mile on an improved but steep road to the trailhead. The trail heads south from the south side of the road.

Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District