

# Riverside Trail #723

## Recreation Opportunity Guide



More Difficult

Northwest Forest Pass  
Required  
May 1-Oct 1

Distance..... 3.7 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 1360-1500 feet  
Snow Free ..... March to January

**Trail Highlights:** This trail has been designated a National Recreation Trail under the National Trail Systems Act for its scenery and close proximity to urban areas. The trail weaves along the Clackamas River through old growth forest, offering many great views of the river.

**Trail Description:** The trail starts at Rainbow Campground (1,400') and ends at Riverside Campground (1,480'). From Rainbow Campground the trail climbs gradually through old growth trees along the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River to the confluence with the Clackamas River. After 0.5 mile the trail offers the first view of the Clackamas River. The trail continues along the Clackamas River and reaches a nice beach 1.6 miles later. Continue 0.1 mile to the junction with a spur trail that starts at Forest Road 4600-039. This is a good alternate trailhead for those wanting a shorter hike. The trail continues to follow the Clackamas River and after 1.1 miles the trail reaches a stand of very large old growth trees. The trail continues another 0.4 mile to the end of the trail at Riverside Campground. The trail is generally level; however the occasional change in grade classifies this as a more difficult trail.

### Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Please do not park in either Rainbow or Riverside Campgrounds or you may be charged a camping fee.

#### 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/r06/mthood>

Map and driving directions on next page

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503-668-1700

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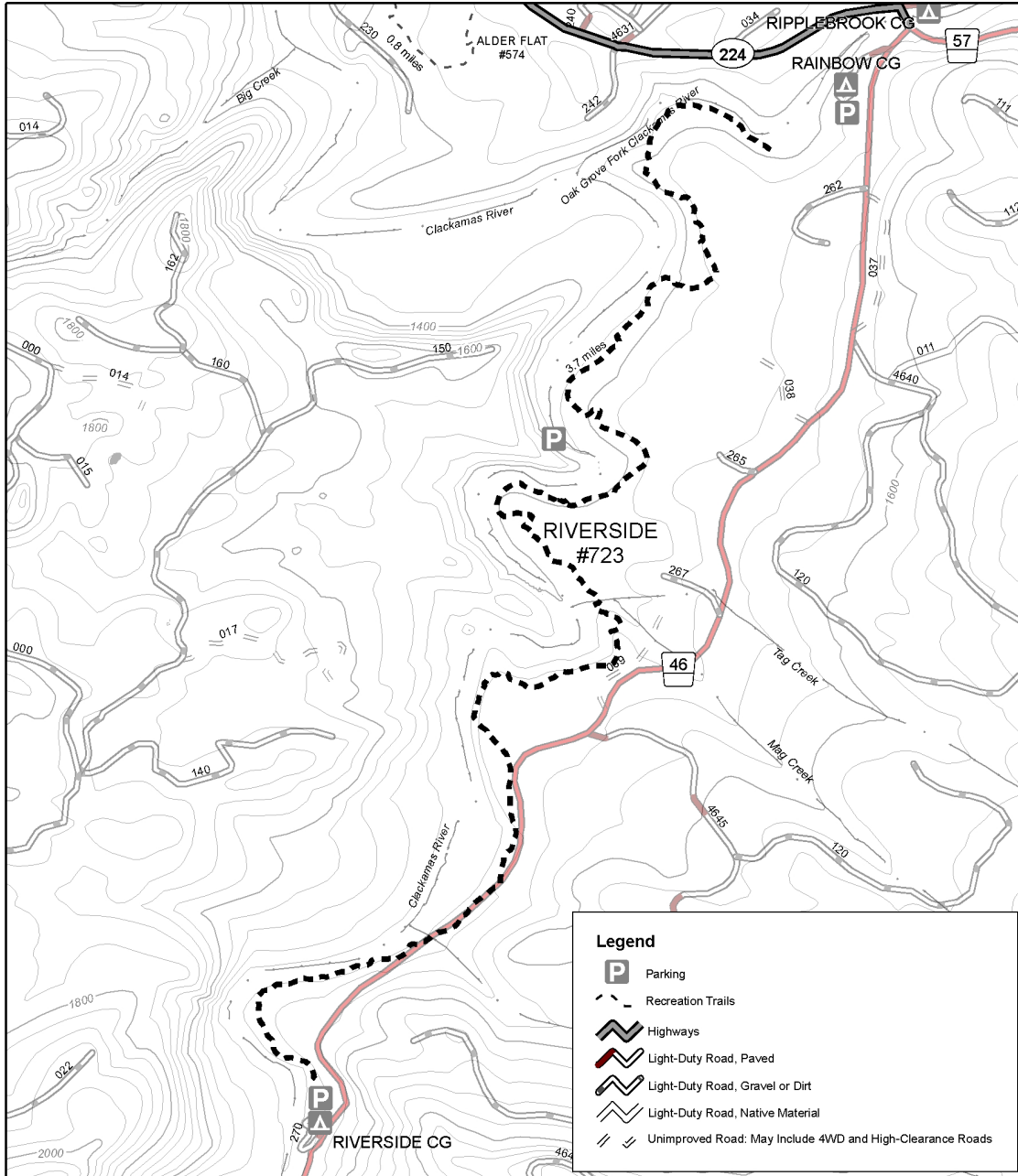
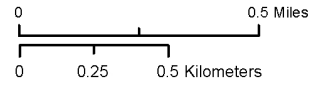
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Estacada, OR follow Hwy 224 for 26 miles when Hwy 224 turns into Forest Road 46. Travel 0.3 mile to Rainbow Campground Trailhead sign. Turn right into the campground, the parking lot to the trail starts 0.1 mile from the road.

723 Riverside  
3.7 miles

6 km



**Recommended maps:** Clackamas Ranger District

