

Eight Mile Loop Trail #496



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 6.2 miles (loop)
Elevation..... 3900-4800 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This loop trail is popular with mountain bikers and offers great views from the lookout tower near Fivemile Butte.

Trail Description: From Eightmile Campground, follow this trail west through the campground, over Eightmile Creek and head uphill (north) to Forest Road 4430. Cross Forest Road 4430 and continue east 0.15 mile to the loop intersection. To make a clockwise loop, continue straight (west) at the intersection and travel 1 mile to the bridge crossing Eightmile Creek. Continue another 1.5 miles and cross Forest Road 4400-120. Approximately 150 feet after crossing Forest Road 4400-120 the trail joins Bottle Prairie Trail #455 and Knebal Springs Trail #474 heading northwest. After travelling approximately 100 feet, this trail heads northeast (with Bottle Prairie #455). After 0.4 mile, the trail leaves Bottle Prairie #455 and continues northeast. Continue 1 mile to the intersection with Forest Road 4400-120. Cross the road and continue 0.65 mile to the spur trail for Fivemile Butte Lookout heading north. There are excellent views of Mount Hood, Mount Adams and Mount Rainier at the lookout. From the Fivemile Butte Lookout trail, continue east 0.35 mile to the intersection with Forest Road 4400-122. Cross the road and continue 1.2 miles descending several switchbacks to return to the loop intersection near Forest Road 4430. Turn left (east) to return to Eightmile Campground.

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 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

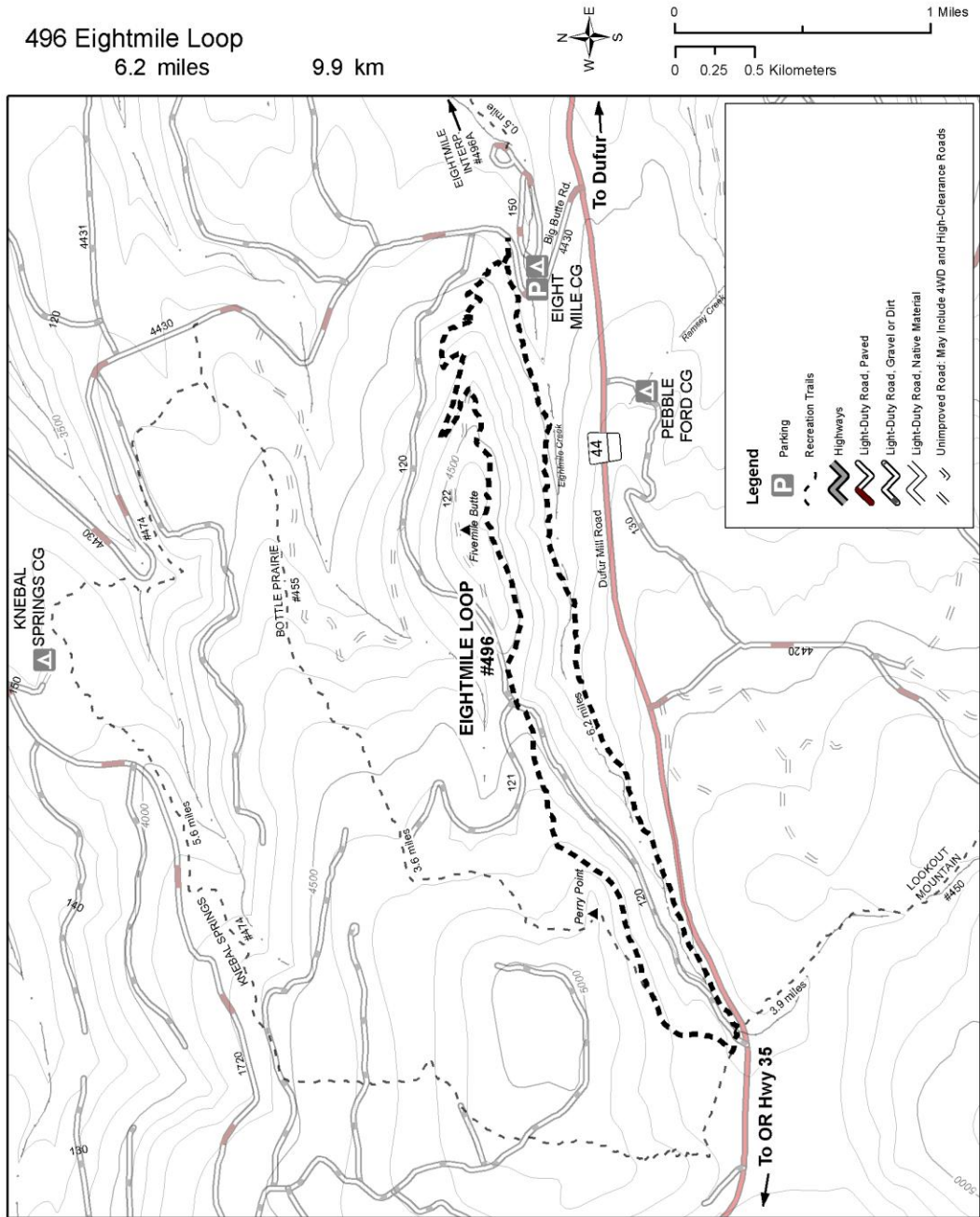
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Dufur, Oregon 97021
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Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River, to the east end of the trail, take OR Hwy 35 south 26 miles, approximately 0.15 mile past milepost 71, to Dufur Mill Road (Forest Road 44). Turn left (east) on Forest Road 44 and go 10 miles to Forest Road 4430. Turn left (north) on 4430 and go 0.3 miles northwest to Eight Mile Campground (Forest Road 4430-150). Park in the day use area. The trail starts on the north side of 4430-150, approximately 0.2 miles past the turn into the campground. The trail leaves from the picnic area.

From Dufur, to the east end of the trail, go west on Dufur Mill Road (Forest Road 44) for 16.7 miles to Big Butte Road (Forest Road 4430). Turn left (east) on 4430 and follow the directions above.



Recommended maps: Barlow Ranger District

