

Bull of the Woods Trail #550



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 3.9 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 4540-5520 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Bull of the Woods Wilderness. This is a popular day hike offering spectacular views of Mount Hood, the Three Sisters, Mount Jefferson and Three Fingered Jack. Plan to visit the fire lookout at the south end of the trail for more outstanding views of the surrounding area.

Trail Description: The trail begins at Forest Road 6340 and ends at Mother Lode Trail #558. Beginning at Forest Road 6340 (4,540'), the trail climbs a few short switchbacks to a ridge where the trail levels. After 1.3 miles, the trail reaches the base of North Dickey peak (4,920'). The trail traverses the west side of the peak for 0.5 mile to the saddle between North Dickey Peak and South Dickey Peak. The trail leaves the saddle and continues to traverse the west side of South Dickey Peak for 0.8 mile to the junction with Dickey Lake Trail #549 (4,920). From the junction, the trail continues climbing up the ridge heading south. The trail is narrower and rockier from this junction to the trail's end. There are several short spur trails to viewpoints along this section of the trail. 1 mile from the junction with #549, the trail reaches the Bull of the Woods fire lookout (5,520'). The trail goes downhill from the lookout and ends 0.6 miles later at the junction with Mother Lode Trail #558 and Welcome Lakes Trail #554 (5,200').

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- 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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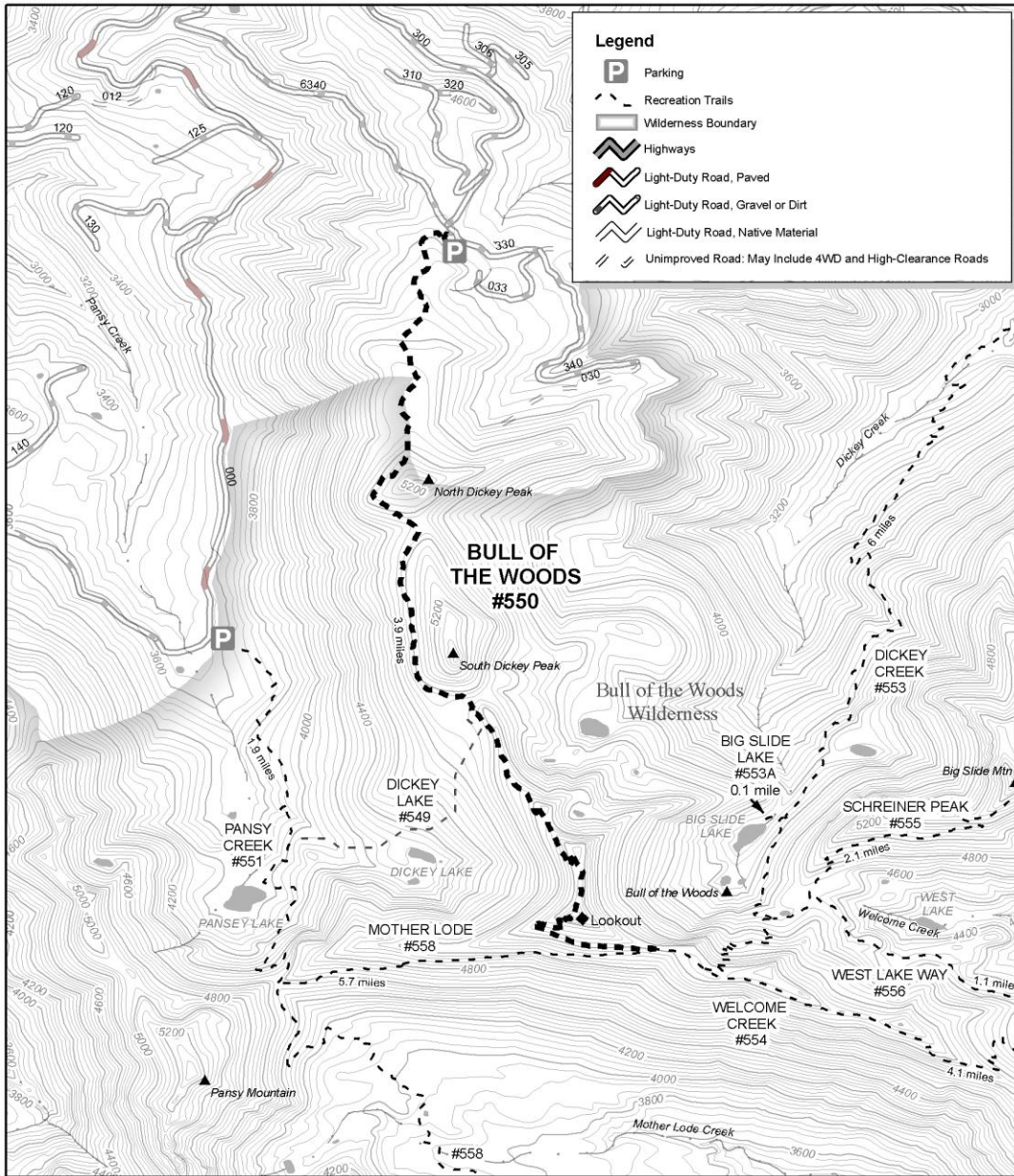
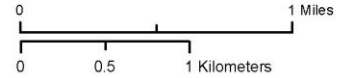
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Directions to Trailhead: From Portland, travel east on US Hwy 26 to Sandy. Turn right (southwest) on OR Hwy 211 and travel 6.1 miles to OR Hwy 224. Turn left (southeast) on OR Hwy 224 and travel 30.6 miles to Clackamas River Hwy (Forest Road 46) (approximately at milepost 50). Take the right fork onto Clackamas River Hwy and travel 3.7 miles to Collowash Road (Forest Road 63). Travel 5.7 miles on Forest Road 63 and turn right onto Forest Road 6340. Travel 7.8 miles on Forest Road 6340 and you will come to a fork in the road (6340 and 6341). Take the left fork onto 6340 and follow it for approximately 1.5 miles to the trailhead parking area at the end of the road.

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3.9 miles

6.3 km



Recommended maps: Clackamas Ranger District

