

Mother Lode Trail #558



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 5.7 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 2800-5200 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This is a major connecting trail through the heart of the Bull of the Woods Wilderness Area. This trail can be accessed from several trails in the area. The trail travels through a variety of forest types from old growth Douglas Fir to true Fir and Mountain Hemlock. Scenic attractions include spectacular views of Mount Jefferson.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Welcome Lakes Trail #554 and ends at Elk Lake Creek Trail #559. Beginning at the junction with Welcome Lakes Trail #554 and Bull of the Woods Trail #550 (5,200'), the trail traverses downhill (southwest) through heavy timber. The trail opens after 1 mile and offers spectacular views of Mother Lode Mountain and Mount Jefferson. After a further 0.1 mile, the trail reaches the junction with Pansy Lake Trail #551. The trail turns south and descends several switchbacks with excellent views for 1.3 miles to Mother Lode Creek (3,840'). The trail crosses the creek and gently climbs 1.1 miles to the junction with Twin Lakes Trail #573 (3,960'). From the junction, head east on #558 and descend 1.7 miles to Mother Lode Creek. The trail crosses the creek, turns north and reaches the junction with Geronimo Trail #557 after 0.1 mile. The trail turns southeast at this junction and travels 0.4 mile to Battle Creek. The trail crosses the creek and travels another 0.1 mile to the trail's end at the junction with Elk Lake Creek Trail #559.

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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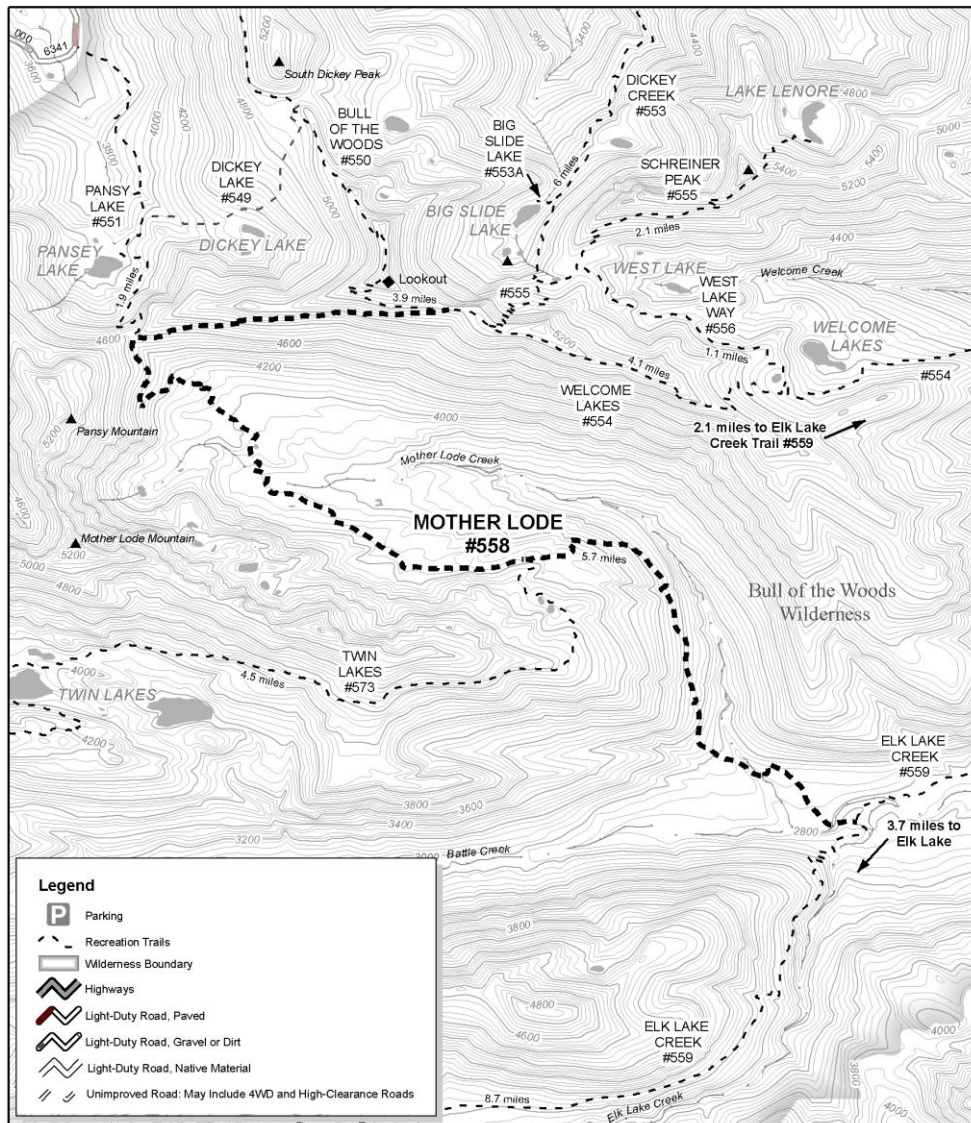
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Directions to Trailhead: Via Bull of the Woods Trail #550, from Portland travel east on US Hwy 26 to Sandy. Turn right (southwest) on OR Hwy 211 and travel 6.1 miles to OR Hwy 224. Turn left (southeast) on OR Hwy 224 and travel south for 30.6 miles 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. Follow Bull of the Woods Trail #550 to its end (3.9 miles) to begin this trail (#558). This trail can be accessed from several trails in the area including Pansy Lake Trail #551, Elk Lake Creek #559 and Twin Lakes Trail #573.

558 Mother Lode
5.7 miles

9.2 km



Recommended maps: Clackamas Ranger District

