

# Old Baldy Trail #502



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 6.2 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 3920-4520 feet  
Snow Free ..... June to October



**Trail Highlights:** This trail enters the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness Area. This trail travels through thick forest but has several outstanding viewpoints along the way. The trail follows a ridge overlooking the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness to the north.

**Trail Description:** This trail begins at Forest Road 4610 near Twin Springs Campground (4,240') and ends at Old Baldy mountain (4,160'). From Forest Road 4610, the trail heads north into the trees. After approximately 50 feet the trail reaches a junction with #502 and Plaza Trail #783. Turn left onto #502. The trail parallels the road briefly heading southwest. After heading away from the road, the trail crosses a ridge then begins a descent with views south into the Squaw Lakes basin. After 1 mile the trail begins a gradual climb (4,040'). After climbing 1.2 miles, the trail reaches the junction with Fanton Trail #505. Continue heading north on #502 and travel 0.6 to the junction with Eagle Creek Cutoff Trail #504 (4,040'). Leaving the junction with #504 the trail begins a long (3.4 miles), sometimes steep climb to Old Baldy Mountain (4,160). The middle of this trail can be accessed from Fanton Trail #505 (3.1 miles).

### 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](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/mthood>

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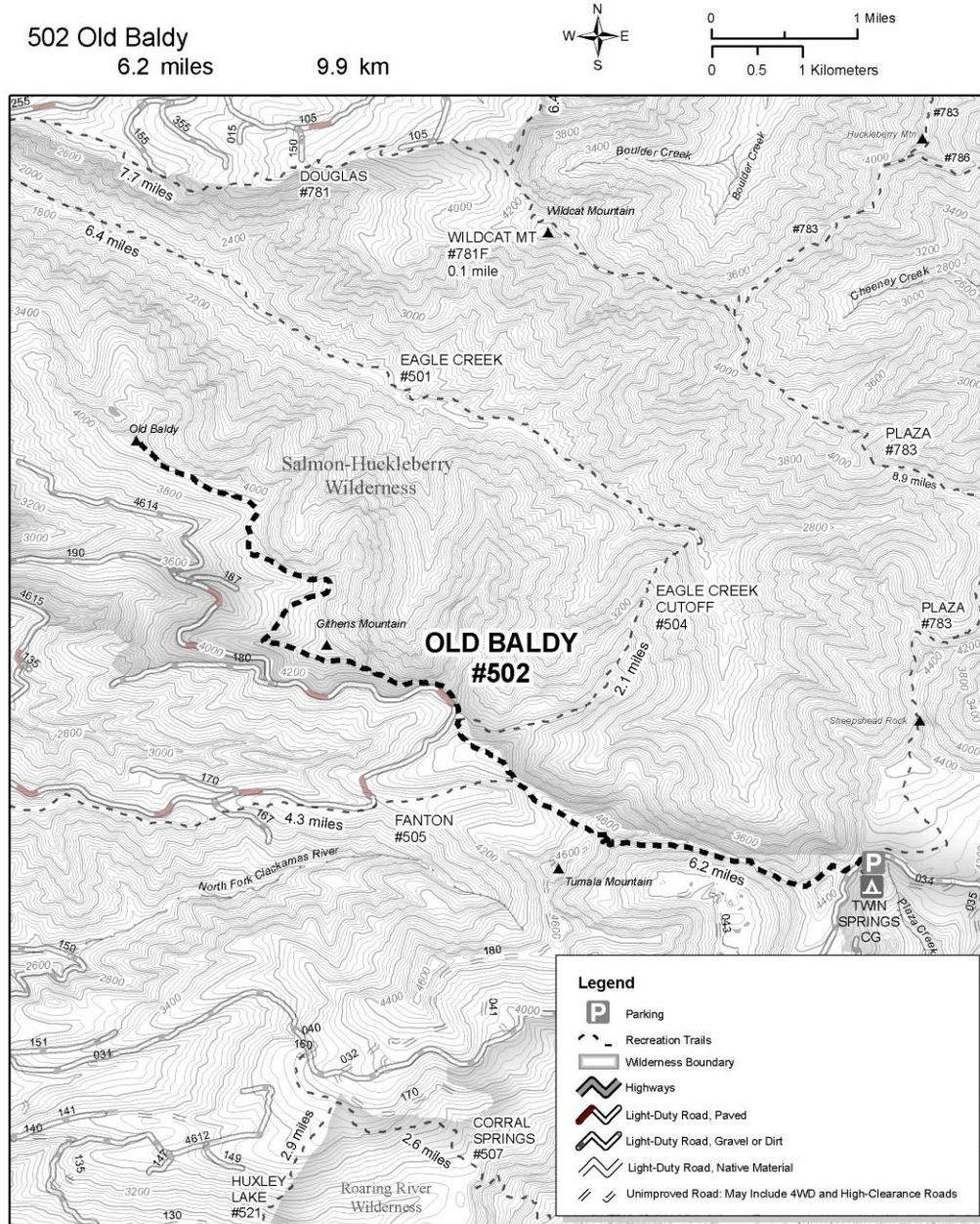
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Hood River, follow Oregon Hwy 35 38.5 miles and merge right onto US Hwy 26. Follow US Hwy 26 8.9 miles south and turn right (west) at Skyline Road (Forest Road 42). Follow Skyline Road for 1.1 miles and turn right toward Forest Road 2660. Travel 2.5 miles and turn left (southwest) to stay on Forest Road 2660 and continue another 0.9 mile. Turn right at Abbott Road (Forest Road 58) and travel 10.7 miles. Take the right fork at Forest Road 4610 (near High Rock-the road becomes dirt here) and follow it for 8.3 miles to the small parking area and trail head on the north side of the road.

From Estacada, follow Oregon Hwy 224 (Clackamas Hwy) south for 6.5 miles to N Fork Road (Forest Road 4610). Travel 7.1 miles and stay left on N Fork Road (Forest Road 4610). After 0.9 mile take the first right onto Abbott Road (Forest Road 4610). Follow Abbott Road (Forest Road 4610) for 11.1 miles to the small parking area and trail head on the north side of the road.



**Recommended maps:** Clackamas Ranger District

