

Rhododendron Ridge Trail #564



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 6.4 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 4400-4900 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This well maintained trail follows the rolling Rhododendron Ridge which runs north-south and separates the upper Clackamas River drainage from the Collawash River drainage. Wildflowers and bear grass can be found along the trail.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Forest Road 4670 and ends at Forest Road 6355. From the south end at Forest Road 6355 (4,560'), the trail heads north and climbs 1.6 miles to the junction with Hawk Mountain Trail #564A (0.4 mile). The trail continues north on the ridge travels 1.3 miles and crosses Forest Road 6355-120 (4,920'). After crossing the road the trail heads back into the trees and descends along the ridge 1.5 miles to Forest Road 6350-270 (4,640'). The trail crosses the road, continues downhill 0.6 mile, and crosses Forest Road 6350-270 a second time (4,480'). After crossing Road 6350-270, the trail rolls along the ridge for 1.4 miles to its end at Forest Road 4670. In spite of recent harvesting, most of the route is heavily timbered. There are a few small meadows. There is little, if any, water available.

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.
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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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503-668-1700

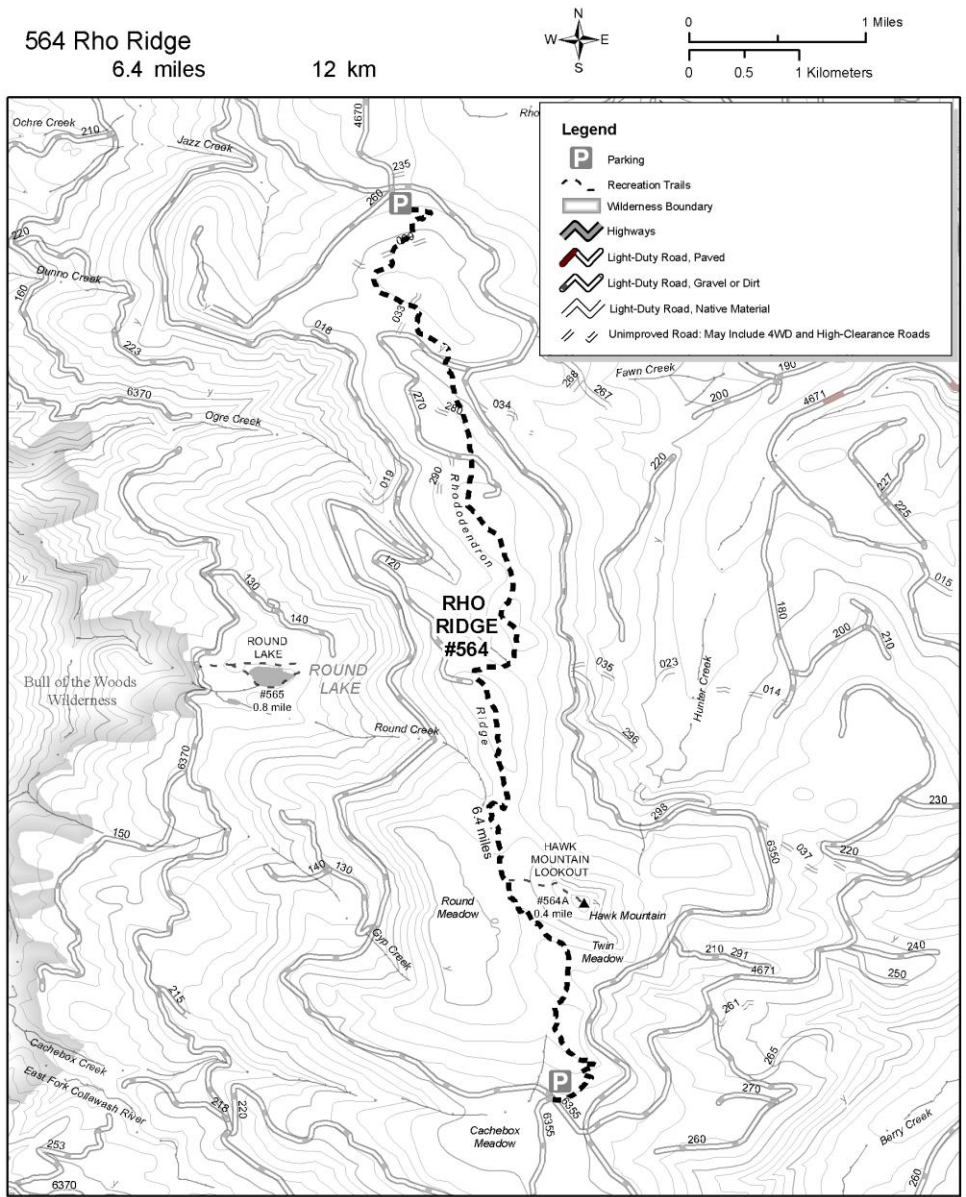
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595 NW Industrial Way
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Directions to Trailhead: From Portland to the NORTH end of the trail, travel east on US Hwy 26 to Sandy. Turn right (southwest) on OR Hwy 211 and travel 6.1 miles to OR Hwy 224. Turn left (southeast) on OR Hwy 224 and travel 25.6 miles to Clackamas River Hwy (Forest Road 46). Take the right fork onto Forest Road 46 and travel 16 miles to Forest Road 4670. Turn right (west) onto 4670 and follow it for 14.5 miles to the intersection with Forest Road 6350. Cross 6350 and continue south into the large parking area. The trail leaves from the south end of the parking lot.

From Portland to the SOUTH end of the trail, 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 25.6 miles to Clackamas River Hwy (Forest Road 46). Take the right fork onto Forest Road 46 and travel 27.1 miles to Forest Road 6350. Take the sharp right onto Forest Road 6350 and travel 4.8 miles to Forest Road 6355. Turn left onto 6355 and travel 0.25 mile to the parking area on the northeast side of the road at the intersection with Forest Road 6355-150.



Recommended maps: Clackamas Ranger District

