# **Skookum Lake Trail #542**



### **Recreation Opportunity Guide**



**Trail Highlights:** This is a scenic trail to Skookum Lake with views of Mount Hood. Skookum Lake offers excellent fishing during the summer months. There are campsites available at Skookum Lake.

**Trail Description:** The trail begins at Skookum Lake (4,160') and ends at Thunder Mountain Trail #543 (5,040'). From Skookum Lake, the trail heads west and climbs gently through old growth trees to a series of switchbacks after 0.5 mile. The trail continues up the switchbacks 0.7 mile to Thunder Mountain and Thunder Mountain Trail #543. There is a spur trail to the summit of Thunder Mountain before reaching the junction with Thunder Mountain Trail #543. Visitors can return on this trail (#542), or with a shuttle car left at the Sandstone Road trailhead, continue east on Thunder Mountain Trail #543 for a 2.4 mile total.

## **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 <u>www.LNT.org</u> 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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**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 Forest Road 46. Take the right fork onto Forest Road 46 and travel 3.7 miles to Collowash Road (Forest Road 63). Turn right onto Collowash Road and travel 3.3 miles to Forest Road 6320. Follow Forest Road 6320 1.3 miles to Forest Road 6322. Turn right onto Forest Road 6322 and travel 5.9 miles to Forest Road 4620. Take the left fork onto Forest Road 4620 and travel 2.9 miles to the trailhead on the right (west) side of the road. Follow Thunder Mountain Trail #543 1.2 miles to the beginning of this trail.





