

# Anthill Trail #406B



Northwest  
Forest Pass  
Required  
May 15-Oct 1



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 1.9 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 3960-4500 feet  
Snow Free ..... July to September



**Trail Highlights:** This trail enters the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness. This trail offers fine views of the lower Hood River Valley, Wahtum Lake, Chinidere Mountain and the upper Eagle Creek Drainage. There are several large anthills near the north end of the trail. The anthills are abandoned and new ones built each year and often a hill will be built directly in the trail. Why the ants have chosen this particular location to build their homes is somewhat of a mystery.

**Trail Description:** The trail begins across the road from the Wahtum Lake Campground. It ascends east to a ridge at a moderate and constant grade through heavy timber. On top of the ridge an outcrop of rock provides a fine viewpoint or picnic site. The trail then meanders gently along the ridge until reaching Forest Road 670 after 1.5 miles. This is the site of the Old Mud Lake Guard Station. The trail crosses the road, then drops down to the junction with the Herman Creek Trail #406. For a nice 4.6 mile loop, turn left (southwest) onto Herman Creek Trail #406 and follow it for 1 mile to the Pacific Crest Trail #2000. Turn left (east) onto #2000 and follow it to the trailhead at Wahtum Lake. For a slightly shorter 4.2 mile loop, follow #406 to Chinidere Cutoff Trail #406M. Turn left onto #406M and follow it for 0.7 mile to Eagle Creek Trail #440. Turn left onto #440 and follow it 0.1 mile to the junction with #2000. Turn left onto #2000 and follow it for 0.25 to trail #406H. Turn south onto #406H and follow it to the trailhead at Wahtum Lake Campground.

### Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required for the trails leaving from Wahtum Lake between May 15 and Oct 15. Permits are free and self-issued at a permit box station at the Wahtum Lake Trailhead.
- 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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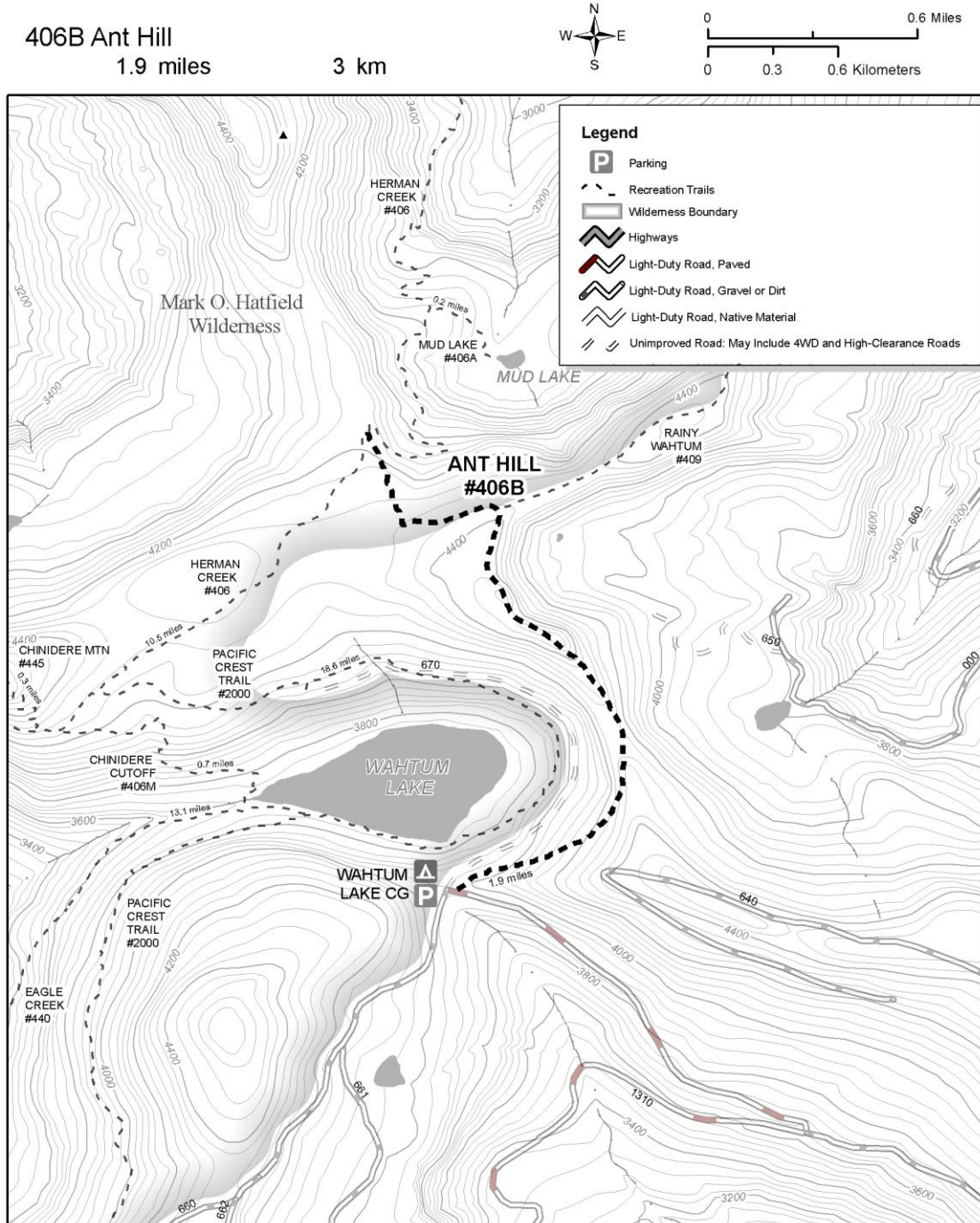
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Hood River, travel south on OR Hwy 281 Dee Highway (it goes past the Hood River airport), approximately 11 miles to the Lost Lake Road turn-off at Dee. Follow Lost Lake Road (Forest Road 13) and after approximately 5 miles (0.5 mile after crossing the West Fork of the Hood River), take the right fork onto Lost Lake Road (Forest Road 13) signed for Wahtum Lake. Continue on Lost Lake Road for another 4.3 miles to Forest Road 1310. Turn right (north) onto Forest Road 1310 and travel 6 miles on the paved road to the Wahtum Lake Campground.



**Recommended maps:** Hood River Ranger District

