

Benson-Ruckel Trail #405A



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 0.8 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 3850-3950 feet
Snow Free June to October



Easier



Trail Highlights: This is a short easy trail on the Benson Plateau. There are several scenic meadows and campsites on Benson Plateau.

Trail Description: This short trail connects Ruckel Creek Trail #405 with the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 across the north end of the Benson Plateau. To reach this trail, follow Ruckel Creek Trail #405 4.8 miles east from the junction with Gorge Trail #400.

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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503-668-1700

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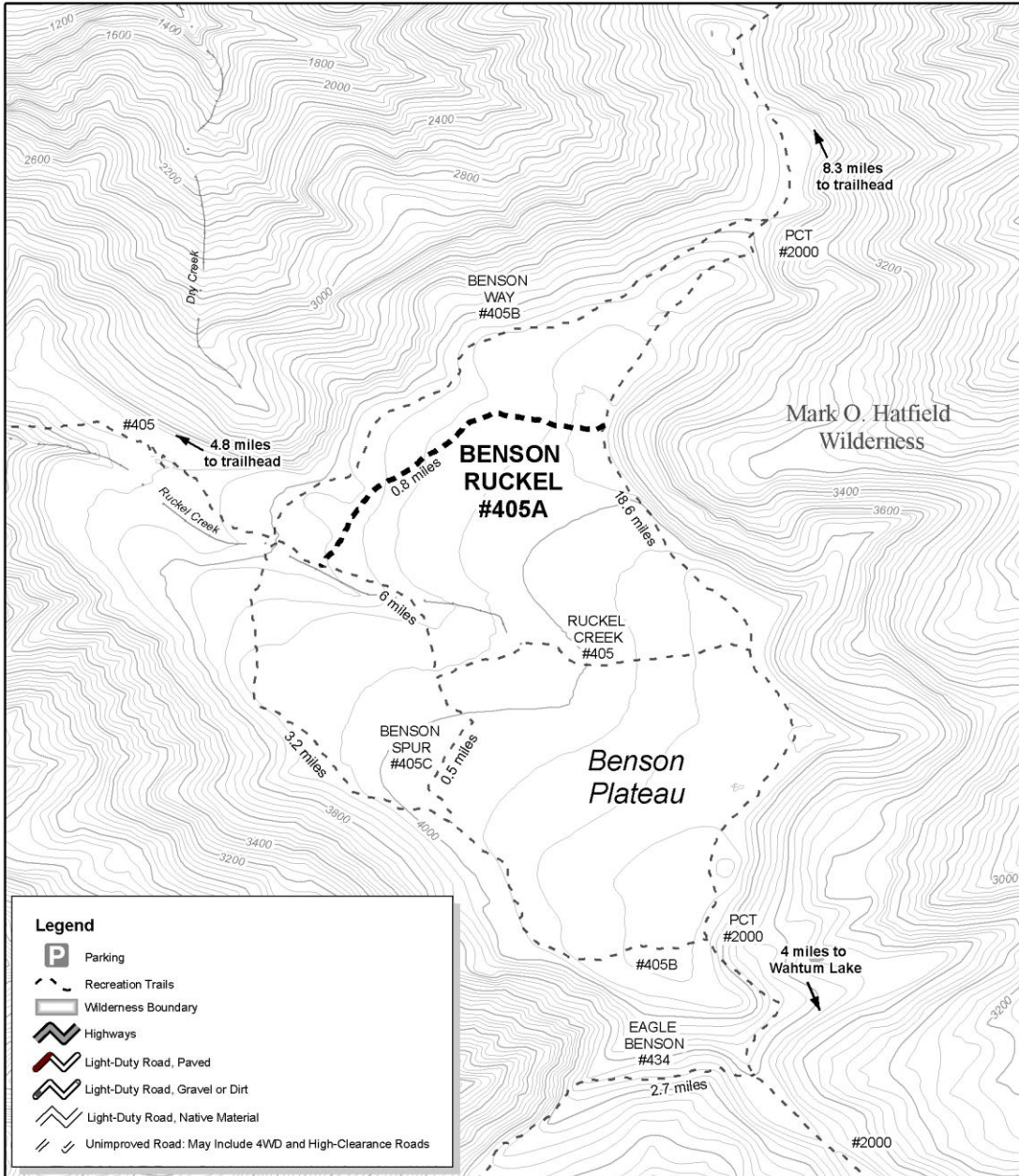
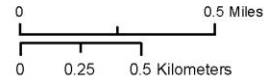
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Directions to Trailhead: Eastbound I-84 – Take Eagle Creek exit # 41. Turn right, park at the picnic ground entrance, and hike 0.1 mile up the road toward Eagle Creek Overlook. Follow Gorge Trail #400 0.5 mile (east) to the junction with trail #405, which starts alongside the Historic Columbia River Highway bridge on the east side of Ruckel Creek. Turn onto #405 and see Trailhead Description on page 1 for the rest of the directions to this trail (#405A). Westbound I-84 – Take Bonneville Dam exit # 40. Drive under the freeway and join eastbound traffic. After 1 mile take Eagle Creek exit # 41 and follow directions to trail from above. **Please park your car near the day use hosts if you are hiking overnight.**

405A Benson Ruckel
0.8 miles

1.3 km



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District

