

Herman Creek Cutoff Trail #410



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Recreation Pass
Required
May 15-Oct 1
At Wahtum Lake

Distance..... 2.2 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 2800-4400 feet
Snow Free July to September



Most Difficult



Trail Highlights: This trail is in the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness Area. Herman Creek Cutoff is a connector trail that makes for good loop possibilities with Rainy Lake, Waucoma Ridge and the Wahtum Lake area.

Trail Description: This trail starts at Rainy Wahtum Trail #409 and ends at Herman Creek Trail #406. This trail is best reached by starting from Rainy Lake Campground. From the campground, head west on Rainy Wahtum Trail #409 (an old abandoned road) and travel 1.2 miles to the junction with this trail (#410). This trail junction is at 4400' elevation and there is a small wood shelter just to the west. The trail passes the shelter and goes down a couple long gradual switchbacks. Lower down the trail there are some shorter, steeper switchbacks that end in the wet bottomland of the East Fork of Herman Creek. Here you will have to wander a bit over and around massive trees and streamlets along flatter ground. Wander west to the junction with Herman Creek Trail #406 at 2800'.

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

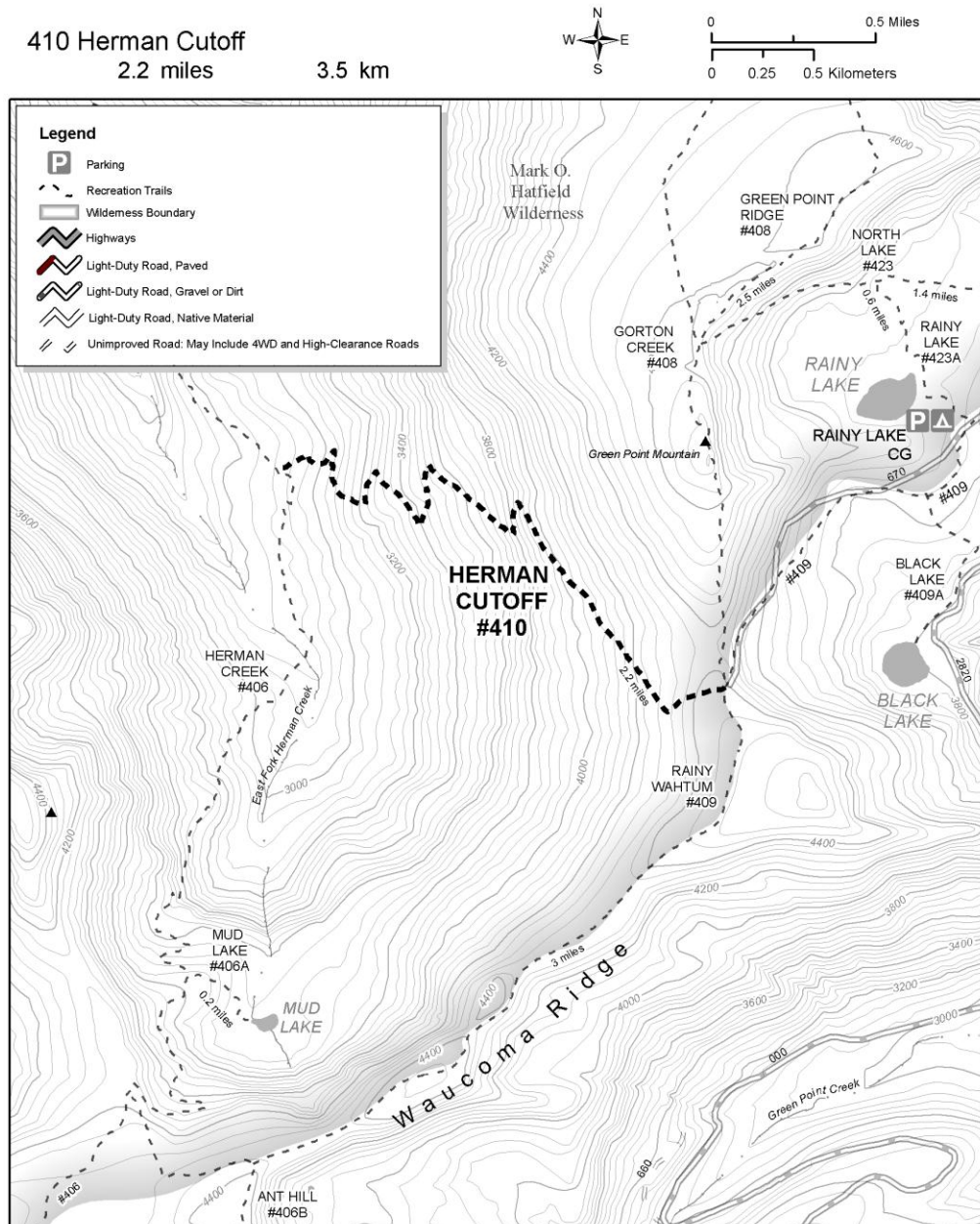
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Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River travel south on OR Hwy 281 Dee Highway (it goes past the Hood River airport) approximately 11 miles to Dee. Take the right fork here and cross the East Fork of the Hood River. Turn right again and go 1.2 miles up Punchbowl Road until it crosses the West Fork of the Hood River. The road becomes Dead Point Road (Forest Road 2820) here. Follow Dead Point Road 11 miles until you get to Rainy Lake Campground and Trailhead. Take Rainy Wahtum Trail #409 west about 1.2 miles to get to the junction with Herman Cutoff #410.



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District

