

McGee Creek Trail #627



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 1.5 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 3500-4400 feet
Snow Free June to October



Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Mount Hood Wilderness Area. The McGee Creek Trail allows for a short and direct route to Timberline Trail #600 above Lolo Pass. It is entirely forested along its 1.5 mile length as it climbs steadily to the Timberline Trail. A quiet trail compared to the PCT to its west, with easy driving access from Lolo Pass.

Trail Description: The trail begins on the first hairpin of Forest Road 1800-620. For the first ¼ mile, the trail uses an overgrown logging road. The trail then climbs up to the east and gains a broad ridge. This is the ridge just above and west of McGee Creek. The trail follows this forested ridge on its west side. The trail has a steady, moderate grade and decent tread. This trail is narrower and brushier than the other more popular trails going up to Timberline, but it is not hard to follow.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness permits required May 15-Oct. -15

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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Hood River Ranger District
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Parkdale, Oregon 97041
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Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River, travel south on Oregon Hwy 281 towards Odell/Dee (it goes by the airport). Just south of the Hood River, turn right towards Dee/Lost Lake. Travel approximately 10 miles and turn right to Dee/Lost Lake. Cross over the railroad tracks and turn left onto Lost Lake Road. Follow Lost Lake Road through the orchards of Dee and a few 90 degree turns. 3 miles from Dee, stay left toward Lost Lake (Forest Road 13). Travel 3 miles and turn left onto Forest Road 18. Travel 3 miles and take right fork continuing toward Lolo Pass (Forest Road 18). After 5 miles, the road turns to gravel. Continue following Lolo Pass Road (Forest Road 18) for another 4 miles. Turn left (southeast) at Forest Road 1800-620. Travel 0.25 mile to the first hairpin (also the junction of Forest Roads 1800-620 & 1800-640). The trailhead is on your right with parking for a few cars.

From Portland, travel 17.5 miles east of Sandy along US Hwy 26. Turn left at East Lolo Pass Road (Truman Road/Forest Road 18) and continue for 10.6 miles. Turn right at McGee Creek Road (Forest Road 1810) and travel 1.3 miles. Turn right (southeast) at Forest Road 1800-620. Travel 0.2 mile to the first hairpin (also the junction of Forest Roads 1800-620 & 1800-640). The trailhead is on your right with parking for a few cars.

