

Nick Eaton Trail #447



Northwest
Forest Pass
Required
May 15-Oct 1

Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 4.1 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 1000-4000 feet
Snow Free June to October



Most Difficult



Trail Highlights: This trail is in the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness Area. There are several views once on Nick Eaton Ridge.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Herman Creek #406 (1,000') in the Columbia Gorge and ends at Gordon Creek Trail #408. Nick Eaton Trail is accessed by using the Herman Creek Trail up to Herman Camp. Herman Creek Trail starts at the west end of the Herman Creek Campground. Near the beginning of the trail, keep left at an unmarked fork. Follow the switchbacks across a power line access road, and then climb another 0.4 mile to a well-signed fork. Take the left fork. The path soon joins an old dirt road. Proceed uphill 0.6 miles to Herman Camp primitive campsite. Uphill a couple hundred yards past the Herman Camp is the beginning of this trail (#447). From #406 the trail heads up a long series of steep switchbacks for 2 miles to Nick Eaton Ridge. The trail can be slow on the ridge due to rocky trail. The trail follows the ridge for another 1.2 miles and reaches the junction with Casey Creek Trail#476. Continue heading southwest descending another 0.9 mile to the trail's end at Gorton Creek Trail #408. Several overnight loops can be made. Please consult a good, up to date map when planning your hike.

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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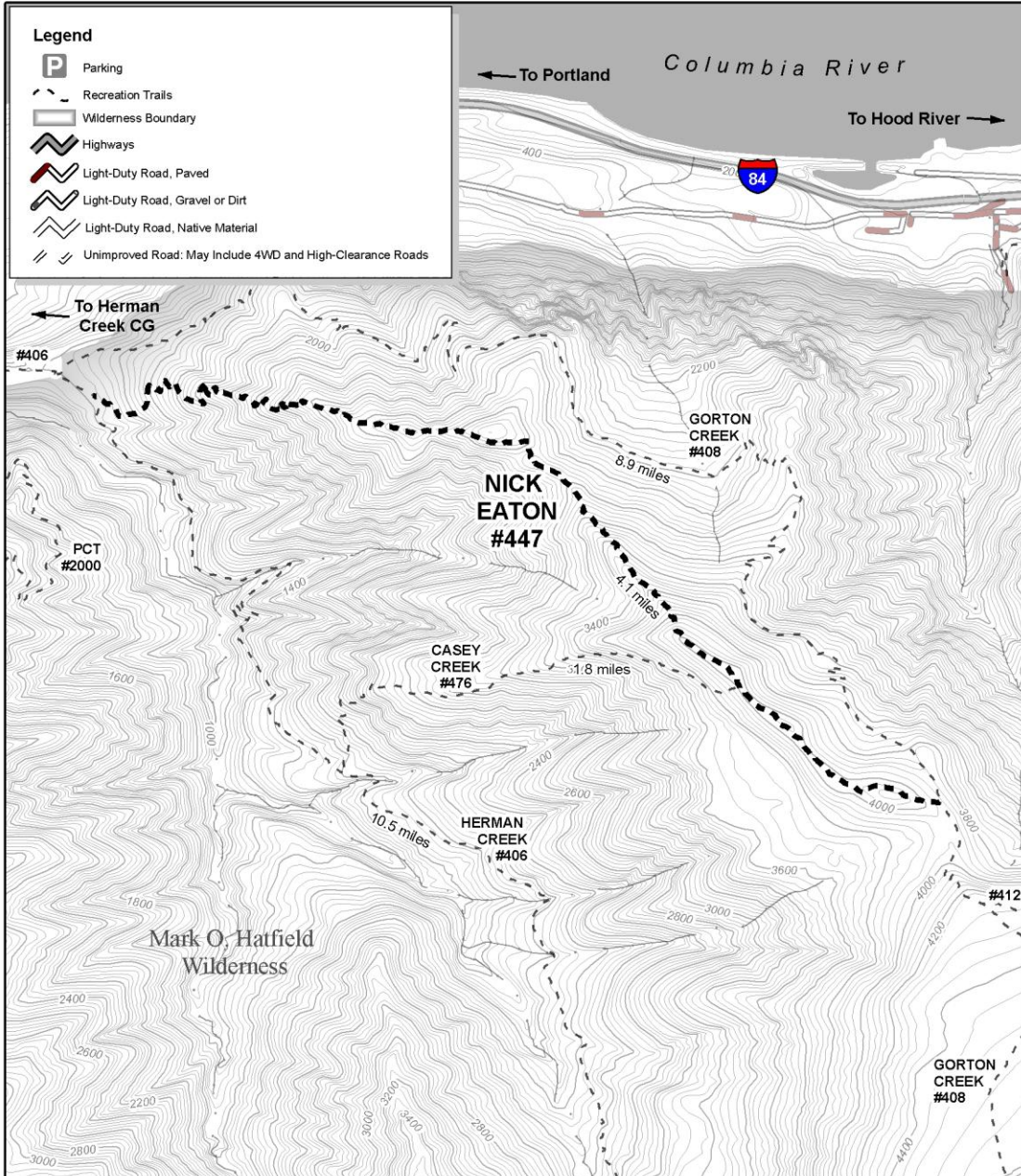
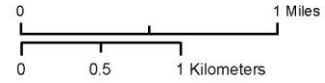
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Directions to Trailhead: Eastbound US Hwy 1-84 - Take Cascade Locks exit # 44. Drive under 1-84 and through the town of Cascade Locks for 1.8 miles to the eastbound entrance ramp. At the stop sign, continue east 1.6 miles toward Oxbow Fish Hatchery, then on to Herman Creek Campground. Westbound US Hwy 1-84 - Take Herman Creek exit # 47. Drive 0.6 mile west on Forest Lane to Herman Creek Campground.

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6.6 km



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District

