Vista Ridge Trail #626





Recreation Opportunity Guide





Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Mount Hood Wilderness Area on the north side of Mount Hood. The trail provides one of the shorter access routes to the Timberline Trail #600. Where the trail connects with the Timberline Trail #600, several other popular destinations are easily accessible from this point including Elk Cove, Barrett Spur, Eden Park, Cairn Basin, and Wy'east Basin.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Forest Road 1650 and ends at its junction with Eden Park Trail #600H. The trail begins by following an old road for a few hundred feet before entering the woods. After 0.5 mile, the trail reaches a wilderness entry station and the abandoned Vista Ridge Scenic Trail; continue right. The trail traverses the hillside and dips into a small ravine before climbing the ridge at a moderate grade. Shortly after Mount Hood comes into full view, the junction with the Eden Park Trail #600H is reached. To make a loop that adds 2.6 miles to the hike, head west on Eden Park Trail #600H 1.3 miles to its junction with Timberline Trail #600. Turn left (east) on Timberline Trail #600 and travel 1 mile back to the junction with Eden Park Trail #600H. Turn left on Eden Park Trail #600H and travel 0.3 mile back to the junction with this trail (#626).

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required between May 15 and Oct 15.
- ➤ 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 <u>www.LNT.org</u> 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 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 11 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 the right fork continuing toward Lolo Pass (Forest Road 18). After 3 miles, turn left on Red Hill Road (Forest Road 16) and travel 5.5 miles to Forest Road 1650. Turn right on Forest Road 1650 and follow it 3.75 miles to the trailhead.

<u>From Portland</u>, travel 17.5 miles east of Sandy along US Hwy 26. Turn left at East Lolo Pass Road (Truman Road/Forest Road 18). Follow East Lolo Pass Road (Forest Road 18) for 21.1 miles to Red Hill Road (Forest Road 16) and follow the directions above. The trailhead is on your right with parking for a few cars.





