

Mount Defiance Trail #413



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 7.2 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 120-4920 feet
Snow Free June to October



More Difficult



Trail Highlights: This trail is in the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness. There are outstanding views of the Cascade Range and the Columbia River Gorge. Visitors can combine this trail with Mitchell Point Trail #417 and Starvation Ridge Trail #414 for a demanding 8.7 mile day hike or backpack loop. There are several established campsites at Warren Lake.

Trail Description: This trail begins at Starvation Ridge Creek Rest Area (I-84) and ends at Dead Point Road (Forest Road 2820). Leaving from the Starvation Creek Trailhead, head west along US Hwy I-84 on an asphalt trail that quickly becomes gravel. The trail will soon enter the trees and the steep and sustained climb begins. The trail stays mainly in the trees but at the 4100' mark there is a breathtaking view to the north of the Cascade Range, the Columbia River Gorge. After 4.1 miles, the trail intersects with Mitchell Point Trail #417 just west of Warren Lake at 4240'. The trail continues uphill heading southwest 0.4 mile to Mount Defiance. At the summit of Mount Defiance (4,920') there is a large radio tower along with an unobstructed view of Mount Hood to the south. From the summit of Mount Defiance, start downhill continuing southwest for 1.8 miles to the junction with Bear Lake Trail #413A. This 0.7 mile trail is a nice side trip to a beautiful small lake. From the junction the trail continues downhill 0.5 mile to the trailhead at Forest Road 2820 (Dead Point Road).

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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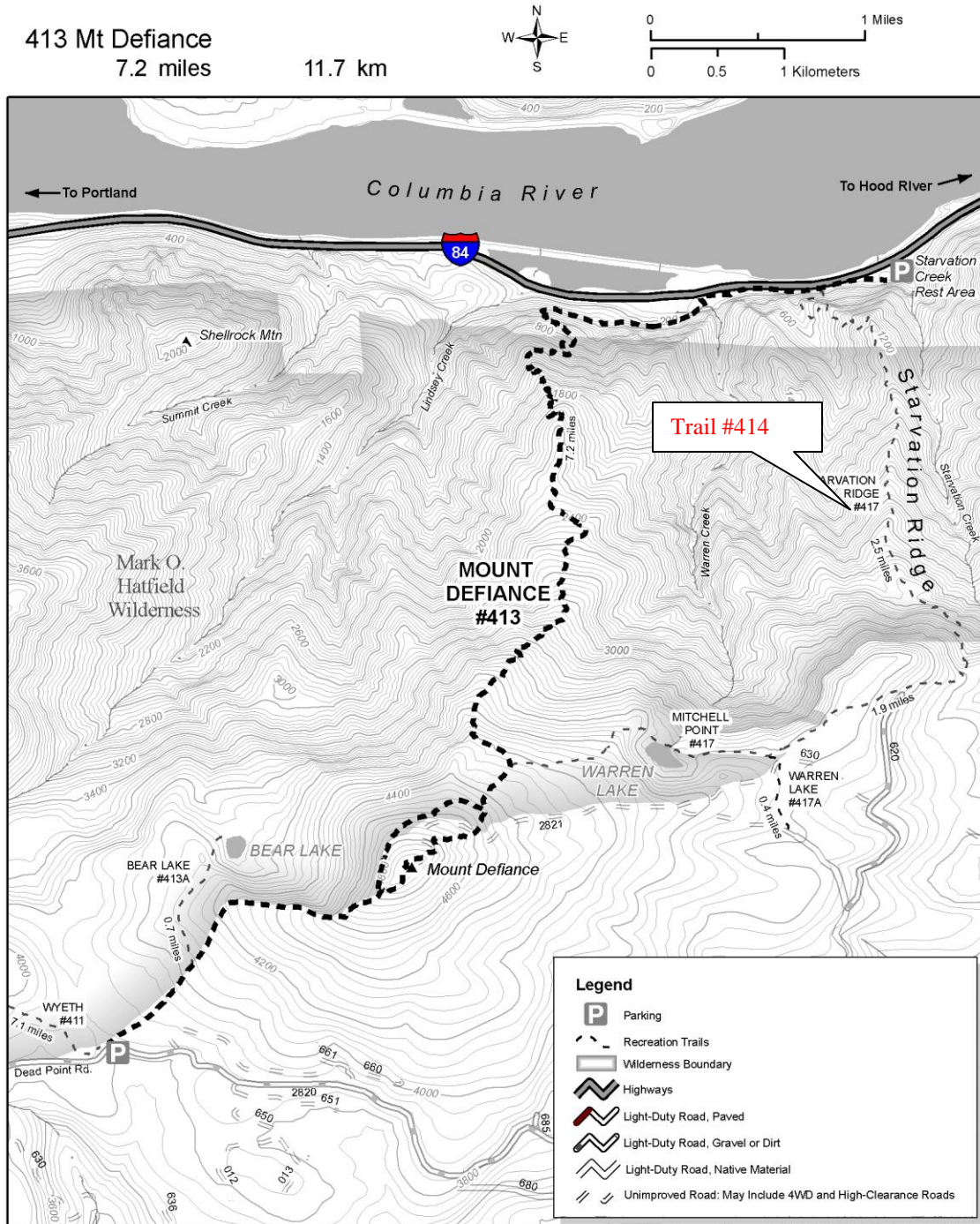
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Directions to Trailhead: From Portland, take US Hwy I-84 east of Cascade Locks 10 miles to Starvation Creek Trailhead exit 55.

From Hood River, take I-84 west to Wyeth exit 51, turn around, and drive back on the US Hwy I-84 east 3 miles to access Starvation Creek Trailhead exit 55.

For alternate access, to south end of this trail, see trail guide #413A Bear Lake



Recommended maps: Hood River Ranger District



