

# Pacific Crest Trail #2000

Bridge of the Gods Trailhead to Indian Springs



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 18.6 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 300-4400 feet  
Snow Free ..... June to October



**Trail Highlights:** The Mt Hood National Forest section of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail #2000 is 130.1 miles long. It begins at Gifford Pinchot National Forest Boundary and ends at Willamette National Forest. The Pacific Crest Trail is accessed by various trails and trailheads throughout Mt Hood National Forest. See <http://www.pcta.org/> for maps and more information.

**Trail Description:** This section of the Pacific Crest Trail runs from Bridge of the Gods Trailhead at Forest Road 221 (north) to Indian Springs Campground (south). The trail climbs gently through vine maple and scattered fir to dense stands of old-growth forest. Entering the Mark O. Hatfield Wilderness, the hike passes the rugged canyons of Eagle and Herman Creeks on the way to Benson Plateau and Wahtum Lake Basin. Trail is part of a multi-day loop opportunity. Features: At 14.4 miles, hike the extra 0.2 mile to Chinidere Mountain for views of Mount Adams, Mount Rainier, and Mount St. Helens. Junctions with the Gorge Trail #400, Teakettle Spring (7.1 mi.), Wahtum Lake and Eagle Creek Trail junction (15.6 mi.), Indian Springs Campground (18.6 mi.).

### 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](http://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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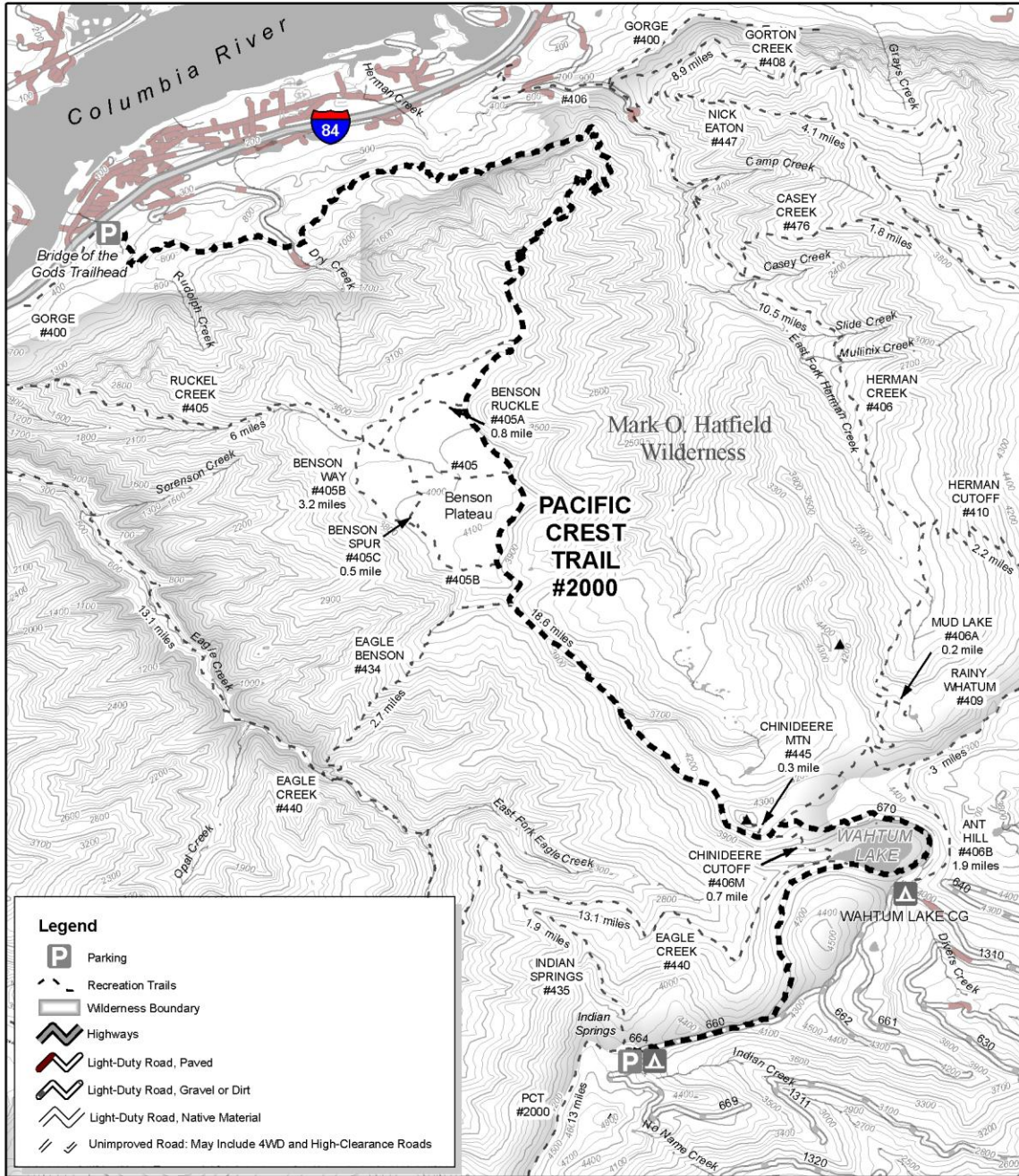
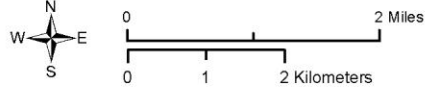
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**Directions to Trailhead:** Eastbound I-84 – Take Cascade Locks exit #44. Turn right onto the Bridge of the Gods access road. The trailhead is located at the southeastern corner of the loop leading to the tollbooth. Westbound I-84 – Take Cascade Locks exit #44. Drive 1.4 miles through the town to the Bridge of the Gods access road. Follow the directions as above. See 2000HR2 for directions to south end of this trail.

2000 PCT Bridge of the Gods to Indian Springs  
18.6 miles 29.9 km



**Recommended maps:** Hood River Ranger District

