

# Laurel Hill Chute Trail #795A



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 0.5 miles (round trip)  
Elevation..... 3200-3300 feet  
Snow Free ..... April to November



Easier

**Trail Highlights:** Laurel Hill was once the site of the most difficult descent on the Oregon Trail. Laurel Hill Chute descends off the southern slopes of Mount Hood and the hill was a series of three steep declines. Pioneers had to lower their wagons down the steep chute on their way to Oregon City. Hikers can walk a short distance on this trail to view the steep rocky chute and an interpretive sign.

**Trail Description:** Hiking counterclockwise, this trail begins with a stone staircase leading up onto an old abandoned road. Follow the road southeast for 0.1 mile. From here, the trail heads northeast 0.2 mile up a series of switchbacks to a view point. Continue northwest 0.2 mile to the abandoned road to finish the loop. Head right (north) on the old abandoned road to get back to the trailhead.

## Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

### 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>

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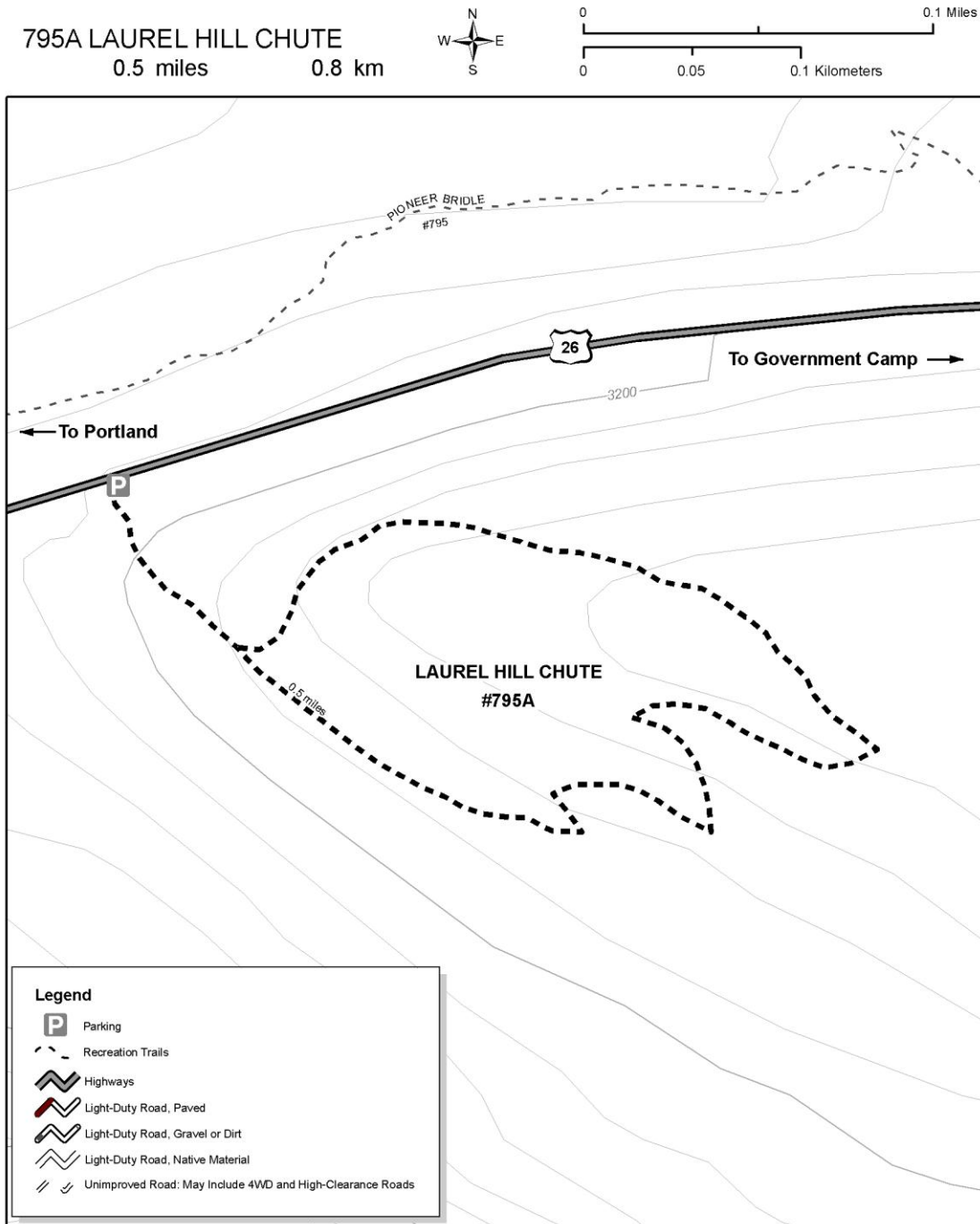
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Portland, travel 26 Miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26 to a small pullout on the south side of the Hwy. The pullout is located on US Hwy 26 between mileposts 50 and 51.



**Recommended maps:** Zig Zag Ranger District

