

Plaza Trail #783

Recreation Opportunity Guide



Northwest
Forest Pass
Required
May 15-Oct 1
at North End



Distance..... 8.8 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 3700-4200 feet
Snow Free June to November



Trail Highlights: This trail enters the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness Area. The trail runs south to north with several viewpoints along the section of trail located between Douglas Trail #781 junction and Bonanza Trail#786 junction.

Trail Description: This trail starts at Forest Road 4610 and ends at it junction with Boulder Ridge Trail #783A. From Forest Road 4610 (4,240'), the trail heads north and after 50' the trail branches. The trail heading west is Old Baldy Trail #502. Head east (right) onto this trail (#783). At 1.3 miles the trail passes Sheepshead Rock (4,460') which offers nice views to the north, west and east. Leaving Sheepshead Rock, the trail climbs several switchbacks, descends briefly then contours a further 1.5 miles to the junction with Salmon Mountain Trail #787 (3,840'). From the junction, #783 continues north and after 2.6 miles the trail reaches the junction with Douglas Trail #781 (4,040'). Head right to stay on #783 and continue 1.6 miles to the junction with Bonanza Trail #786 (4,200'). Head left to stay on #783 and the trail passes Huckleberry Mountain (4,290') in 0.1 mile. Continue heading north going downhill 1.7 miles to the trail's end at the junction with Boulder Ridge Trail #783A. The only significant sustained grades on this trail are between the Sheepshead rock and Salmon Mountain Trail #787. There are some short, steep sections along the trail.

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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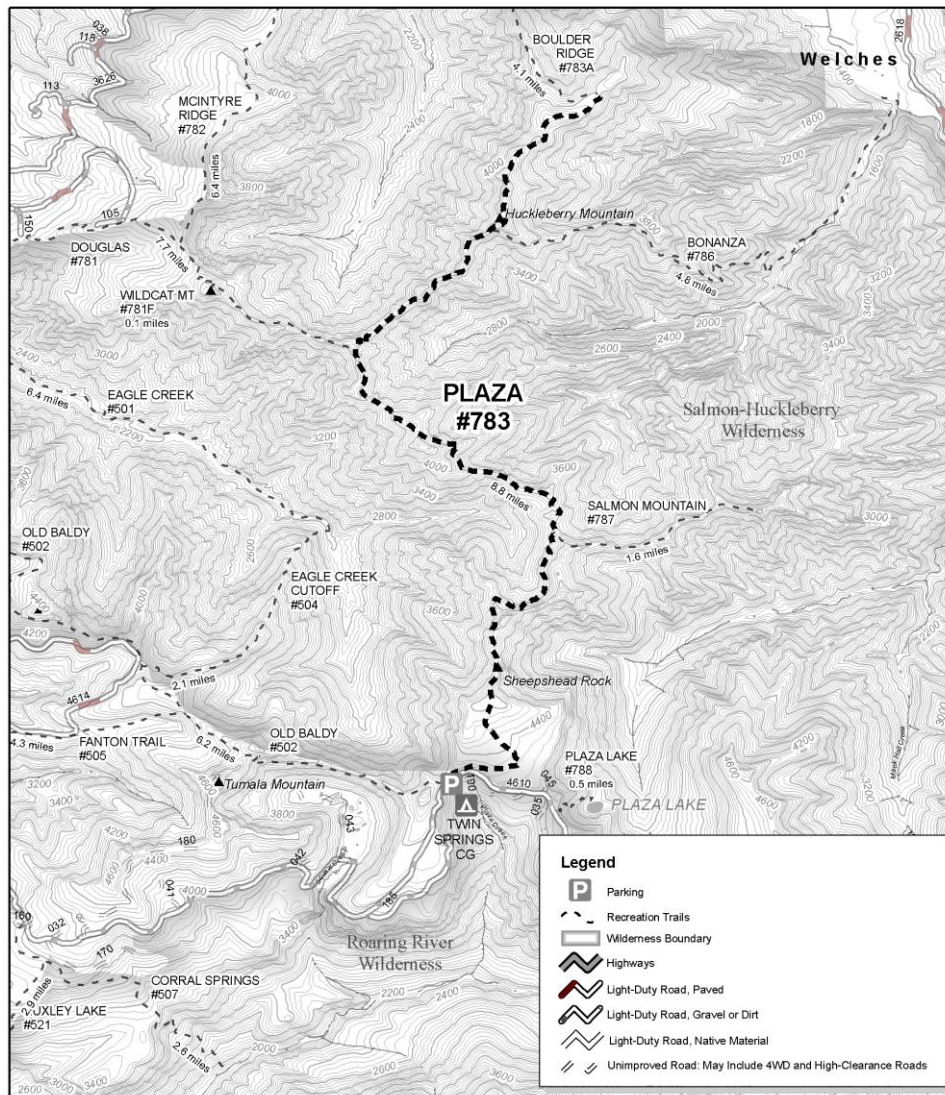
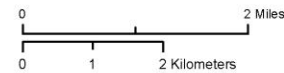
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Directions to Trailhead: From Hood River, follow Oregon Hwy 35 38.5 miles and merge right onto US Hwy 26. Follow US Hwy 26 8.9 miles south and turn right (west) at Skyline Road (Forest Road 42). Follow Skyline Road for 1.1 miles and turn right toward Forest Road 2660. Travel 2.5 miles and turn left (southwest) to stay on Forest Road 2660 and continue another 0.9 mile. Turn right at Abbott Road (Forest Road 58) and travel 10.7 miles. Take the right fork at Forest Road 4610 (near High Rock-the road becomes dirt here) and follow it for 8.3 miles to the small parking area and trail head on the north side of the road.

From Estacada, follow Oregon Hwy 224 (Clackamas Hwy) south for 6.5 miles to N Fork Road (Forest Road 4610). Travel 7.1 miles and stay left on N Fork Road (Forest Road 4610). After 0.9 mile take the first right onto Abbott Road (Forest Road 4610). Follow Abbott Road (Forest Road 4610) for 11.1 miles to the small parking area and trail head on the north side of the road.

783 PLAZA
8.8 miles 14.2 km



Recommended maps: Zigzag Ranger District

