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## Rho Creek Trail

**Topic:** Rho Creek Trail

**Author:** Donald Presley

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**Donald Presley** : 6/12/2009; 10:44:56 PM

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I admit it was the first time I had hiked the Rho Creek trail last weekend doing some needed brushing out of rhodies and such in the 2+ miles of trail we hiked up to the 4672 road, but it is a trail I will come back to if nothing else for the views of the creek or the old growth the trail climbs up through.

Robert and I camped out at the campsite mentioned along Rho Creek on the 4671 road in the trail index and worked the trail up from there. He had worked on the trail since Thursday, but I met up with him on Friday after work and worked on the trail with him on last Saturday. As we were working on brush removal I hadn't noticed how much we had climbed up in elevation until our descent at the end of the day. We had hit some snow patches here and there up near the 4672 road, but there wasn't that much. After returning home and consulting my map I realized that there was a 2000 foot gain in elevation from 2000 ft to 4000 ft between the two roads. There is some treadwork needed especially in the logged areas, but check out this trail if you haven't been on it already, you won't be disappointed.

Donald

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**Re: Rho Creek Trail**[Edit this Page](#)**Rob Williams** : 6/20/2009; 11:05:20 AMReads: 214, Responses: 0 ( [view responses to this item](#))

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Donald:

Is there still a marker at the lower trailhead? I hiked this trail a couple of times a few years ago, and left a rock cairn near it to help mark the trailhead, as it isn't/wasn't too noticable from the road. Last time I was down that road, I seem to recall the rocks were gone. I wasn't too thrilled with the upper part of the trail, but the lower part is absolutely gorgeous.....It is on my list to do again. So many trails, so little time.....

Rob

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Rob

There wasn't any markers of any kind a few weeks ago, not even a ribbon. Somebody seems to want to keep the trailhead unrecognizable, for whatever reason. The trailhead is fairly easy to find though, just being 100 yards or so before the 4671 road crosses Rho Creek.

The upper section near the 4672 road has some drawbacks with its fairly recent clearcuts, but these will eventually be filled by trees. Would make a good trail to hunt from in the fall.

Donald

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**Rob Williams** : 6/21/2009; 6:57:35 AM

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Too bad....Once you know where the trailhead is, it isn't too hard to find. The first time I tried to find it, it took me a little while since there wasn't a really noticable "cut" where the trail started. That is why I left the rock pile, to help mark it for others.

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**Re: Rho Creek Trail**

**Donald Presley** : 6/21/2009; 9:48:48 PM














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Everything we seem to put up comes down, whether it be flagging, temporary paper signs or wood or metal signs, they just won't stay up very long. We don't want to make it too obvious, or the ATV or motorcycles will be up there. There is only one other creek you cross while driving on road 4671 before you get to Rho creek, but Rho Creek has a campsite and is on a corner, whereas Lowe Creek doesn't have a campsite and is on a straight stretch of the road.

Donald

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