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**Rob Williams** : 10/28/2007; 5:38:56 PM

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When coming back on road 4635, I saw some flagging on the road and stopped to take a look. There was a trail that went down the hill, obviously old, but still very recognizable. The flagging is on both sides of the road, and also has a small rock cairn on the inside. If my math on the odometer is correct, it was about 7 1/2 miles from the 4631/4635 split, or 1 mile past the crossing of Cripple Creek (I think that is the creek, it is on a sharp turn, and has a small campsite there). It goes downhill through an old clearcut which is starting to re-grow.

Anyone know anything about it? I took a look at the map tonight, and I can't tell if that might be trail 702 to Cache Meadow? That trail was supposed to be up road 4635-140, which puts it in about the right spot....I looked at the Cache Meadow listing here, and it sounds like it might be either Cripple Creek or Trail "X".

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**Re: Trail on road 4635 Trail X, maybe?****Donovan** : 10/28/2007; 6:35:21 PMReads: 235, Responses: 4 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

You crossed the Cripple Creek Trail 703 where it crosses 4635. It is about 3/4 mile up to the 702 trailhead from there and a little over three miles down to Pipeline Road above Three Lynx. Trail 703 is not on the District map. It is one of the nicest trails in the District. Much fine timber. Trail "X" is at the 140 spur crossing of Cripple Creek.

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I took the lower part of this trail a couple years ago, in January. The snow was pretty deep, so we ended up turning around, but I'd like to hike the whole trail one of these days.

Thanks very much for the info.

Rob

[Discuss this message.](#)**Re: Trail on road 4635 Trail X, maybe?****Paul Turner** : 10/29/2007; 11:31:00 AMReads: 245, Responses: 2 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

I did Cripple Creek Trail from Three Lynx Saturday and posted a trip report on portlandhikers.org. At the end of the TR is a **map of my GPS track log**. Some trail tenders have done an outstanding job maintaining this path.

--Paul

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**Re: Trail on road 4635 Trail X, maybe?**

**Donovan** : 10/29/2007; 1:48:12 PM

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Paul,

Would it be possible to e-mail me a track map isolating the Cripple Creek Trail only? Ends at 4635-140 spur, where it becomes 702. I need an accurate track like yours to help update the District map and to have available at the Ranger Station for hikers who stop by.

I notice you went to Upper Lake. Only this season did we get that link sawed out.

Any accurate tracks of our trails like this are very useful for the trails not on the District map.

Thanks!

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**Re: Trail on road 4635 Trail X, maybe?**[Edit this Page](#)**Rob Williams** : 10/29/2007; 4:53:02 PMReads: 220, Responses: 3 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

Paul:

What kind (brand/model) of GPS did you use to create that track log/map? And what software? I'm going to ask Santa for a new GPS for Christmas, and am evaluating different models. The one I have now is a cheapo Garmin geko 101, which does not even connect to the computer. I only spent \$40 on it at Fry's, not knowing if it would be of much use, but I'm ready to get a REAL GPS now. I'm looking at the Garmin 60csx, as it has an external antenna, which is supposed to do better in tree cover and in valleys, and it also has lots of internal memory for maps, etc.

Thanks

Rob

[Discuss this message.](#)**Re: Trail on road 4635 Trail X, maybe?****Paul Turner** : 10/29/2007; 5:34:20 PMReads: 241, Responses: 2 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

My primary GPS is the 60csx as it gets a fast fix and does very well in both the places you mention - tree cover and valleys. My backup GPS is a Magellan Explorist 600, doesn't lock as quickly, loses the signal in conditions that don't bother the 60csx. Both have magnetic compass and a bunch of other nice features. Magellan has come out with a new model that looks very interesting and should perform better than the 600 and possibly better than the 60csx - the Triton line. A Magellan Triton 2000, at the top end, has an incredible array of features in a handheld. Like an MP3 player, a flashlight, and a 2 megapixel camera (do we need this stuff?). What is interesting to me is that it can download National Geographic TOPO! maps - this is huge - depending on how it actually works, this would put 1:24000 USGS topos in your GPS. Also takes AA batteries - in what had to be one of the biggest design flaws in a GPS marketed for outdoor use, the Explorist 600 uses rechargeable cell-phone-like lithium batteries. Another flaw from the 600 carried over to the Triton line is the non-standard USB connection. The 60csx takes AA and has a normal usb port.

The tracklog map was done using National Geographic TOPO! - I imported the track directly from the GPS. I did some quality control as you get drift in the track and sometimes tracks can be totally wrong.

TOPO! can be expensive, I have OR, WA, and ID at around \$100 each - prices are likely better now.

IMO, can't go wrong with the 60csx but keep your eye on Magellan.

--Paul

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**Re: Trail on road 4635 Trail X, maybe?**

**Paul Turner** : 10/29/2007; 6:29:01 PM

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Donovan,

It's in the mail. Your efforts in clearing trail to Upper Rock Lake are appreciated, I was starting to get a bit tired by then...

--Paul

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**Rob Williams** : 10/29/2007; 6:48:13 PM

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I have all the USGS topos in electronic format (I can import them into Global Mapper and print them out). I had assumed that I would be able to import these maps into the 60csx. Is that not true? Maybe I should do some more research, but everything I've read about the 60csx has been really good. Glad to hear a real user likes it.

That was quite a hike you did! 18 miles with 5000' elevation gain! That would have KILLED me! It seems my daily limit is about 12-13 miles, and that is pushing it.....I guess I just need to get out and do more hiking!

Thanks again!













Rob

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**Re: Trail on road 4635 Trail X, maybe?****Robert Kosciak** : 10/31/2007; 6:46:50 AMReads: 254, Responses: 0 ( [↩](#) view responses to this item)

Yeah no kidding, I've hiked both those trails on separate occasions, couldn't imagine all on one day. Especially considering how vague the Cache Meadow area can be, I tend to go a lot slower when I'm not sure, and then trail work really slows things down.. 18 miles!

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