



Clackamas River Ranger District

Estacada Ranger Station
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OLD BALDY TRAIL # 502.

Recommended Season: June to November

Length: 5.3 miles Use: Medium
Elevation: 3900' to 4600' Difficulty: More Difficult
USGS Map: Fish Creek Mtn.



Description: *(Closed to motorized vehicles).*

This higher elevation trail is generally clear of snow early in the year. It goes through deep forest, but has several fine viewpoints along the way, including the summits of Squaw Mountain and Old Baldy Mountain. The trails are intersected by logging roads in several places, making for easy access and trips of various lengths. The Old Baldy Trail # 502 follows a ridge overlooking the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness to the north. See Trail Mileage Log below for access into the Wilderness area.

Trail Access:

Via the east end: Old Baldy Trail # 502 starts near Twin Springs Campground. This area is about 24 miles east of Estacada. The easiest route is to follow Hwy. 224 south from Estacada for 3 miles and turn left on Fall Creek Road. Fall Creek Road dead ends in 1.5 miles at Divers Road. Turn left on Divers Road and in 0.2 miles turn right on Squaw Mtn. Road. Follow this road, which becomes Forest Road 4614, for 9 miles where it junctions with Road 4613. Turn right onto 4613 and drive approximately 4 miles (road becomes gravel) going past North Fork Crossing 0.3 miles, turning left (east) onto 4610 and drive approximately 7.0 miles to Twin Springs Campground.

Via Fanton Trail # 505: You can also go further straight on 4614 for another 2½ miles and turn right onto to the short spur 4614-167, park in the small clearing and take the Fanton Trail # 505 (see guide for that trail) for .7 miles to its junction with Old Baldy Trail # 502.

Trail Mileage Log: *(Distances are from Twin Springs Campground).*

- 0.0 The trailhead is on the north side of Road 4610, 75 yards west of the entrance to Twin Springs. Thirty yards from the road is the junction with the Plaza Trail # 783 (trail guide available from the Zigzag Ranger District). Trail # 502 turns left and parallels the road briefly, climbing westward.
- 0.3 Cross a ridge and begin descent. Visual scenes from an open slope achieve vistas of the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness area.
- 0.6 Open talus slope. Views south into Squaw Lakes, abundant wildflowers.
- 0.9 Begin climb via switchbacks.
- 1.7 Elevation 4500'. Junction on left is a short spur trail leaving at this point and ascending the ridge 0.3 miles leading to the summit of Squaw Mountain (4771'). At the summit is the old Squaw Mountain Lookout and also where the trail ends at its intersection the old Summit Road 4610-180 near the top.
- 2.3 Trail junction on the left with Fanton Trail # 505 which junctions with Road 4614 in .7 miles.
- 2.8 Trail junction on the right with the Eagle Creek Trail # 504 into the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness (trail guide is available from the Zigzag Ranger District).
- 3.8 Junction on left is an old trail which crosses Road 4614 and ending at Road 4615 (approximately 1.5 miles). Trail # 502 continues on north, ~~has excellent views, and is very~~ steep to the summit of Old Baldy Mountain. Elevation at this junction is 4080 feet.
- 5.3 Top of Old Baldy Mountain elevation 4209 feet

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