

Clackamas River Ranger District



Estacada Ranger Station
595 NW Industrial Way
Estacada, OR 97023
(503) 630-6861 or 630-8700

Ripplebrook Guard Station
61431 E Hwy 224
Estacada, OR 97023

DRY RIDGE TRAIL # 518

Recommended Season: May to November

Length: 6.0 miles **Use:** Heavy
Elevation: 1000' to 3840' **Difficulty:** More difficult
USGS Map: Fish Creek Mtn.



Description: *(closed to motorized vehicles).*

The trail is 6 miles in length with 3 miles of continuous 10-15% uphill grade. The trail intersects the Grouse Point Trail # 517 and you can follow trail # 517 east to Rock Lakes Basin area. There is a nice area to cross country ski on top after hiking in from the Roaring River end during the winter.

Trail Access:

Dry Ridge Trail # 518 is reached by traveling south of Estacada on Hwy. 224 for 18 miles turning left into Roaring River Campground. The trail begins at the northeast end of the campground near campsites #6 and #7. Parking is available for about 6 cars (near campsites #10 and #11).

(The following is for summer access only): **Difficulty:** Moderate

To access the trail at a much higher altitude, without hiking the long grueling uphill grade that exists from Roaring River Campground, drive this route that connects with the trail from Road 4635. Take Hwy. 224 south from Estacada for 25.6 miles and turn left (just past Ripplebrook Ranger Station) onto Road 4631. Turn left again onto Road 4630, and turn left again onto Road 4635. The short access trail, that leads to trail # 518, is on the left about 1/2 mile before the end of Road 4635.

Trail Mileage Log: (Distance from Roaring River Campground).

- 0.0 West end of Roaring River Campground.
- 0.3 Begins series of 10 switchbacks to the saddle.
- 1.3 Viewpoint south.
- 2.1 Cross stream.
- 2.3 Begin series of seven switchbacks.
- 3.0 Junction with new trail construction.
- 3.1 Viewpoint west.
- 3.4 Cross stream.
- 4.3 Viewpoint north.
- 6.0 Junction with Grouse Point Trail # 517.



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