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## **Clackamas River Ranger Districts**

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

## TWIN LAKES TRAIL # 573

Recommended Season: June to November

4.6 miles

Use: Heavy

Elevation: 3950' to 4600' Difficulty: More Difficult

USGS Map: Battle Ax SW 1979

Description: (in Bull of the Woods Wilderness area, closed to mountain bikes and motorized vehicles). The west end of the popular Twin Lakes Trail # 573 connects with Bagby Trail # 544, swinging past the beautiful Twin Lakes in the southern part of the Wilderness Area. The east end of the trail connects with Mother Lode Trail # 558. Twin Lakes Trail # 573 is an important connector with other major trails within Bull of the Woods Wilderness Area which provides a "loop" opportunity through an old growth alpine forest, with views to the southeast, and good fishing.

Trail Access: (No access by road).

Only connects with Mother Lode Trail # 558 to the east, and Bagby Trail # 544 to the west. See those Trail Use Guides for access to this trail.

## Trail Mileage Log:

- 0.0 Junction with Bagby Trail # 544 (at Bagby Trail's milepost 9.0). Trail bears east along an open southerly face of slope with excellent views of Mt. Jefferson and Battle Ax.
- 1.1 Trail swings back west beginning a series of short turns descending to the Upper Twin Lake.
- 1.6 Upper Twin Lake, elevation 3915 feet.
- 2.1 Junction of another trail on the right which is .3 miles long leading downward to Lower Twin Lake, elevation 3780 feet.
- 2.2 Rock slide area. Trail then resumes gradual climb through deep forest.
- 2.7 Rock slide area.
- 3.3 Trail levels off after the climb from Twin Lakes. The trail stays near 4600' for approximately ½ mile then begins descent as trail swings northerly in deep alpine forest. Mt. Jefferson visible through trees.
- 4.2 Nearby are two small ponds to the east of the trail.
- 4.6 End of Twin Lakes Trail at elevation 3950 feet where it junctions with Mother Lode Trail # 558 (at Mother Lode Trail's milepost 3.6).

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