

Recreation Opportunity Guide



U.S. Forest Service
Mt. Hood National Forest
Clackamas River Ranger District
595 NW Industrial Way
Estacada, OR 97023

HORSESHOE SADDLE TRAIL #712

Length: 1.0 miles from Forest Road 4220 at Horseshoe Lake Campground to junction with Pacific Crest Trail #2000.

Elevation: 5,100 to 5,350 feet

Snow-free season: Late June through September

Users: This trail is suitable for hikers or horseback riding.
This trail is closed to motor vehicles.

Description: Horseshoe Saddle Trail follows along Horseshoe Lake and then begins a slow ascent toward Ruddy Hill. The trail periodically follows an old stream bed up to the Pacific Crest Trail #2000 junction. The PCT to the north leads to Upper Lake, and the PCT to the south leads toward Breitenbush Lake.

One tenth of a mile to the north of the Horseshoe Saddle and PCT junction, Ruddy Hill Trail #714 intersects the PCT and heads west 0.9 miles through old growth trees. The very steep switchbacks lead to the summit of Ruddy Hill, a red cinder cone of 5943 feet elevation with a magnificent view of Mt. Jefferson.

Fishing: Horseshoe Lake is a popular fishing spot for rainbow, brown, and brook trout. Horseshoe Lake is 14 acres in size and 17 feet deep.