

Recreation Opportunity Guide



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

RUSS LAKE TRAIL #716

Access: On Forest Road 46 coming from Estacada, take a left on the 4690, Follow this road until it ends at a T junction and take a right on the 4220. Follow this road until you reach Olallie Meadow Campground. Turn left into the campground and look for the trailhead at the southern end.

Length: 0.9 miles.

Elevation: 4,450 to 4,700 feet.

Snow-free season: Late June through September.

Users: Trail is open to hikers, horses and mountain bikes.

Description: Trail offers vistas of three beautiful alpine lakes. Jude and Brook are the younger, smaller lakes, with Russ being the largest of the three. All three lakes are located on the Warm Springs Reservation, so those interested in fishing must obtain a permit from the Warm Springs tribe. Visitors also must observe other tribal lands use restrictions, including but not limited to:

- Stay within 100 feet of existing trails,
- No wood cutting.
- No discharging of firearms or hunting bows,
- No resource destruction or removal of any kind, and
- Observe proper sanitary disposal techniques.

This trail also offers the possibility of a good, short loop hike. To complete the loop, start at the same location as you would for the Russ Lake trail, but instead go south on Lodgepole Trail #706 a very short distance until you reach an intersection. Turn left to continue on the Lodgepole Trail another one-tenth of a mile to its junction with the Pacific Crest Trail #2000. Turn left onto the PCT and follow it for approx. three tenths of a mile to Russ Lake Trail. Once again, turn left at this junction to return to the trailhead.