

Monon Lake Trail #729



Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 2.1 miles (one way)
Elevation..... 4960-5000 feet
Snow Free May - October



Trail Highlights: This trail is in the Olallie Scenic Area. The path is very well maintained with elevated planking and bridges designed to protect the fragile lakeshore areas. The trail intersects numerous coves and inlets along its shore, making it popular with fisherman and canoeists. Though not stocked on a regular basis, Eastern Brook trout and Rainbow trout occur naturally in the lake. Monon Lake is the second largest in the scenic area, at 65 acres and 30 Ft deep at its center. This is a very kid friendly hike.

Trail Description: This trail begins and ends at Forest Road 4220 (Skyline Road). Beginning at the south trailhead, the trail heads east and reaches the shore of Monon Lake in 0.1 mile. The trail turns southeast to follow the lake shore in a counterclockwise direction and after another 0.1 mile the trail reaches the first of a series of boardwalks and bridges that make up much of the trail along the wet southern shore. Approximately 0.3 mile after the first boardwalk, the trail reaches a burned area on the southeast shore. After 0.7 mile along rolling terrain through the burn, the trail reaches the junction with Monolallie Trail #732. Trail #732 heads north for 0.2 mile to Olallie Lake and the Olallie Lake Trail. Continue straight (west) on #729 following the north shore of Monon Lake through a series of gentle ups and downs for 0.5 mile where the trail leaves the burn and enters the heavy timber. For the next 0.4 mile, the trail follows the northwest shore of the lake passing through several established campsites before reaching the trail's end at Forest Road 4220. To return to the southern trailhead, head south on Forest Road 4220 for 0.25 mile.

Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to www.LNT.org or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

Map and driving directions on next page

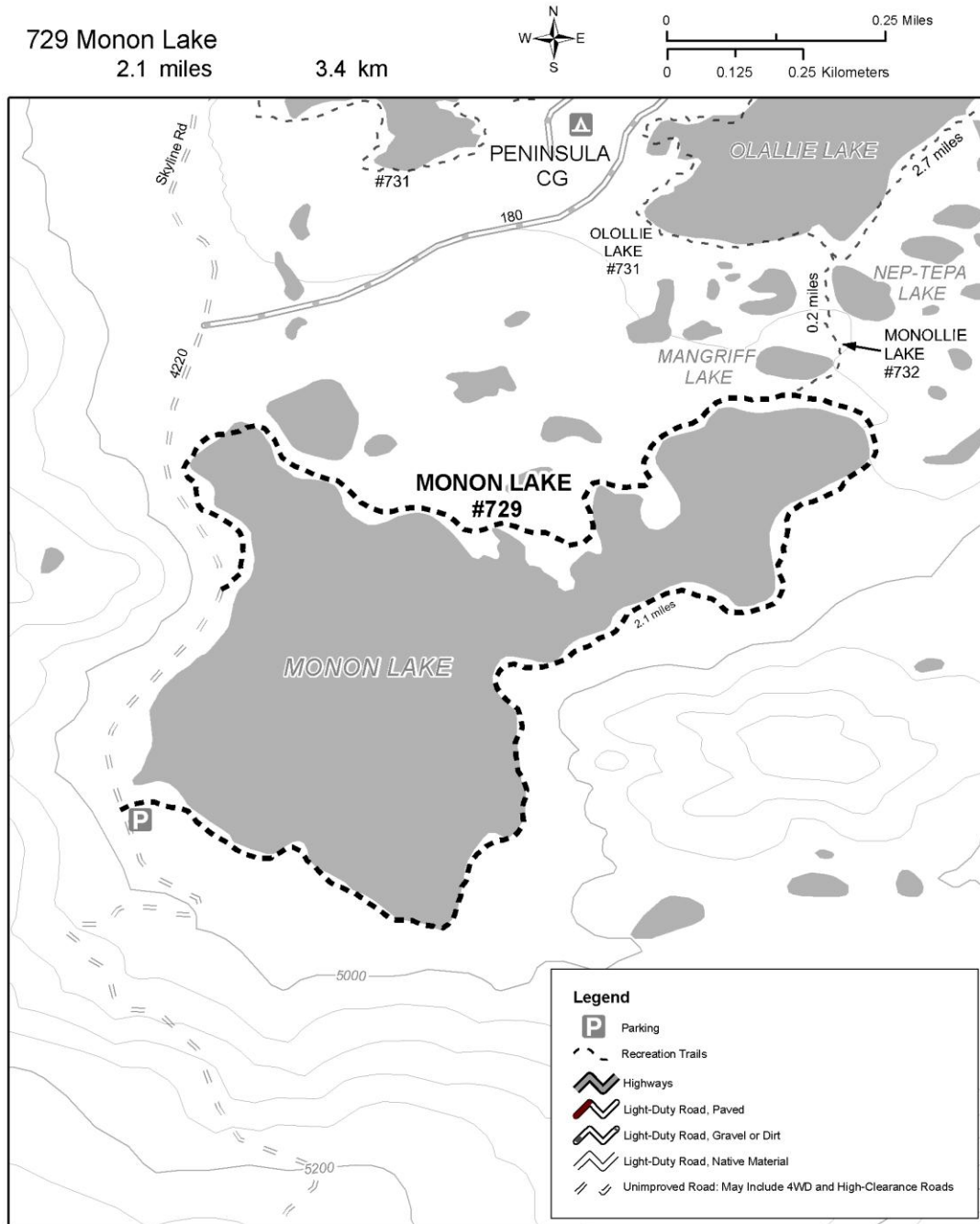
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Directions to Trailhead: From Portland, travel east on US Hwy 26 to Sandy. Turn right (southwest) on OR Hwy 211 and travel 6.1 miles to OR Hwy 224. Turn left (southeast) on OR Hwy 224 and travel 30.6 miles to Forest Road 46. Turn right on Forest Road 46 and travel 14.8 miles to Forest Road 42. Turn left onto Forest Road 42 and travel 4.3 miles to Forest Road 4220 (Skyline Rd.). Turn right onto Forest Road 4220 and travel 13.5 miles to the southern trailhead on the southwest shore of Monon Lake.



Recommended maps: Clackamas Ranger District

