

# West Lake Way Trail #556



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 1.1 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 4480-4680 feet  
Snow Free ..... June to October



**Trail Highlights:** This trail is in the Bull of the Woods Wilderness. This is a short connecting trail between Upper Welcome Lake and the Schreiner Peak Trail #555. The trail passes through the recently burned (2010) and scenic West Lake Basin.

**Trail Description:** This trail begins at Schreiner Peak Trail #555 and ends at Welcome Lakes Trail #554. Beginning at Trail #555 (4,680'), the trail heads downhill into the Welcome Lakes Basin. After 0.3 mile the trail reaches an open rocky area with good views of the Basin. Hikers can cross over the rocks to the north to look down on West Lake. There is no established trail to West Lake. The trail continues heading southeast and after a further 0.7 mile along rocky trail, the trail reaches Upper Welcome Lake. The trail follows the east side of the lake for 0.1 mile to the trail's end at Welcome Lakes Trail #554. There is an established camping area near this junction.

### Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

#### 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](http://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>

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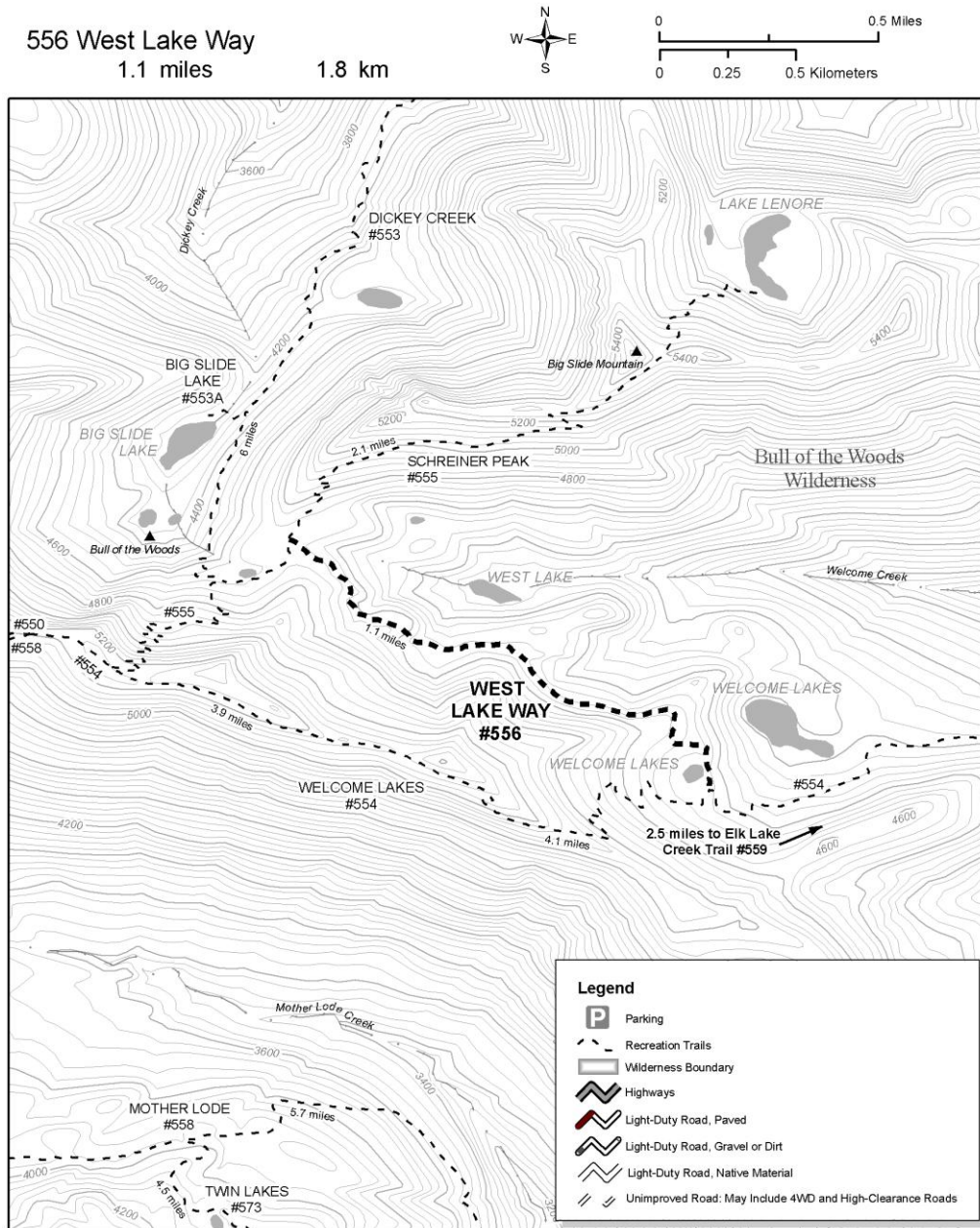
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**Directions to Trailhead:** From Portland, travel east on US Hwy 26 to Sandy. Turn right (southwest) on OR Hwy 211 and travel 6.1 miles to OR Hwy 224. Turn left (southeast) on OR Hwy 224 and travel 30.6 miles to Clackamas River Hwy (Forest Road 46) (approximately at milepost 50). Take the right fork onto Clackamas River Hwy and travel 3.7 miles to Collowash Road (Forest Road 63). Travel 5.7 miles on Forest Road 63 and turn right onto Forest Road 6340. Travel approximately 2.8 miles on Forest Road 6340 to Forest Road 6340-140. Follow Forest Road 6340-140 1.6 miles to the trailhead parking area at the end of the road. To reach the beginning of this trail (#556), follow Dickey Creek Trail #553 for 6 miles to its end. Turn left (northeast) onto Schreiner Peak Trail #555 and follow it for 0.2 mile to the west end of this trail (#556).



**Recommended maps:** Clackamas Ranger District

