



SISTERS COUNTRY  
TRAIL GUIDE



## McKENZIE RIVER TRAIL

**Length:** The trail parallels Hwy 126 and the McKenzie River for 27 miles down to 1.5 miles east of McKenzie Bridge

**Elevation High:** 3,150

**Elevation Low:** 1,450

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Setting:** River

**Season:** All

### DIRECTIONS & TRAIL ACCESS:

Proceed west on Hwy 20 over the Santiam Pass and stay left at the junction with Hwy 22, after 2.5 miles, take the left fork onto Hwy 126 when Hwy 20 splits to the right. The beginning of the trail is at the Old Santiam Wagon Road on the south side of Hwy 126, across from the west end of Fish Lake.

*Northwest Forest Pass required depending on parking location*

### DESCRIPTION:

Small portions of this trail may be accessed from various points on Hwy 126. If possible, it is better to use two cars for longer routes. Park one car at the end of the hike to be used to shuttle back to a car parked at the trailhead. The trail travels through a variety of environments from lava beds to mossy forest, providing opportunities for photography, fishing, viewing wildlife, and enjoying the McKenzie River. Abundant wildflowers can be found from Buck Bridge to Trail Bridge Dam. Sahalie Falls and Koosah Falls are located on the trail midway between Clear Lake and Carmen Reservoir. The trail passes by the Paradise Trail Bridge, and Coldwater Campgrounds where water is usually available from Memorial Day through Labor Day. More information on this trail, as well as a map of the area can be obtained from the McKenzie Ranger Station. McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413, or call 541.822.3381.



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