

SISTERS COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE



GREEN RIDGE TRAIL

Length: 10 mile loop Elevation High: 4600 Difficulty: Easy Setting: Forest

COMMENTS:

Because this is an active fire lookout, staffed by volunteers from the local community, it is not available for public use during the months of July, August and early September.

DIRECTIONS & TRAIL ACCESS:

Proceed 5.5 miles west on Hwy 20 to FS Road 11 (Green Ridge Road). Turn right on Road 11 and travel on the paved road for 10 miles to the end of the pavement and the junction of the Road 1150. Take the left fork Road 1150 and travel 6 miles to the junction of Road 1154. Turn left on Road 1140 and travel a short distance 0.2 miles to the junction of road 600. Turn right on Road 600 and travel about one mile to the junction of road 650 and the gate on the right.

Trail Permit Required

DESCRIPTION:

This loop begins near Riverside Campground on the upper Metolius River where the trail heads east off of Road 1120. From 1120 follow the yellow trail markers northward onto Green Ridge where you can enjoy great views of the Metolius River valley and peaks of the Cascades to the west. Continue on the trail until you encounter Road 650 near the Green Ridge Lookout. (1/4 mile Side trip: A left turn here will take you to the fire lookout). This is the end of the trail section of the loop. Continue east on Road 600, then north on Road 1140. Go west at the junction with Road 1490, which leads back down into the Metolius Basin. To complete the loop go south at the junction with Road 14 and continue back to your starting point.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Situated along the edge of Green Ridge and more than 2,000' above the Metolius River, this 20 foot tall circa 1960 fire lookout offers unmatched views of Mt. Jefferson and the Metolius River Basin. The lookout has a 14 x 14 RG type cab equipped with basic necessities. A primitive vault toilet is located above the parking lot.



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