

RECREATION GUIDE FOR THE TILLER RANGER DISTRICT



South Umpqua Falls

VISIT THE TILLER RANGER STATION:

Monday - Friday: 8:00am to 4:30pm

Phone: 541-825-3100

Internet: www.fs.fed.us/r6/umpqua

Visit the history and wildlife exhibits in front of the station and on the bridge overlooking the South Umpqua River. Tour a restored 1920's fire detection lookout or the "Ranger Residence", a restored Civilian Conservation Corps building.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Individuals or service groups can "Adopt" a trail, a lake, a section of river, a shelter, or a campground.

GATHERING FOREST PRODUCTS:

Personal use permits for gathering firewood, plants, mushrooms, etc. are available at the Ranger Station.

FISHING:

Lakes and ponds on the district are open year round. The South Umpqua River and all tributaries above the Jackson Creek bridge are closed to all angling. Check with the current year's Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for more detailed information.

PICNIC AREAS:

South Umpqua Falls

South Umpqua Falls flows over a unique bedrock formation in the river. An observation deck overlooks the falls while protecting a fish ladder. **Trespassing on the fish ladder is prohibited by state law.** This day-use area has 5 picnic sites with picnic tables, barbecues. Accessible vault toilets. South Umpqua Falls is an "alcohol free" recreation site. Located on South Umpqua Road (#28), 21 miles NE of Tiller.

Three C Rock

This day-use area has 3 picnic sites with a picnic table and barbecue. Accessible vault toilet. Located on County #46, 5 miles NE of Tiller.

RECREATION RENTALS:

Pickett Butte Lookout is available from November to June. Whisky Camp Cabin and Butler Butte Cabin are available year-round. Call the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or book online at: <http://www.recreation.gov>



CAMPFIRES:

Use the steel fireplaces in developed recreation sites and be aware of any fire restrictions. Cutting firewood in campgrounds is prohibited.

CAMPGROUNDS:

Unless closed by a gate, campgrounds are open and fees apply year round: \$6 per night and \$3 per additional vehicle. Camping limit is 14 days.

Boulder Creek

7 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Hand pump drinking water. Accessible vault toilet. Located on South Umpqua Road (#28) 14 mi. NE of Tiller.

Camp Comfort

5 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Accessible vault toilet. Located on South Umpqua Road (#28), 28 mi. NE of Tiller. Accessible 0.25 mile trail to beginning of the South Umpqua River.

Cover

7 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Hand pump drinking water. Accessible vault toilet. Located on Jackson Creek Road (#29), 17 mi. NE of Tiller.

Devil's Flat

3 tent/trailer sites with picnic table, barbecue, and fireplace. Accessible vault toilet. Located on Cow Creek Road (County #36), 18 mi. east of I-5 Azalea exit 88. 1 campsite and trails are located across Road 36 at Devil's Flat Guard Station.

Dumont Creek

3 tent sites with picnic table, fireplace, and barbecue. Accessible vault toilet. Located on South Umpqua Road (#28), 12 mi. NE of Tiller. Trailers not recommended.

South Umpqua Falls

20 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Accessible vault toilets. Located on South Umpqua Road (#28) 20 mi. NE of Tiller.

Three C Rock

5 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Accessible vault toilet. No fee. Camping fees are proposed for 2009. Located on County Road #46, 4 mi. NE of Tiller.

Threehorn

5 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Accessible vault toilet. Located on County Road #1, 13 mi. SE of Tiller.

Buckhead Mountain Forest Camp

3 tent sites with picnic table and fireplace. Vault toilets. No fee. Located on Road 2715-700, 34 mi NE of Tiller.

Skookum Pond Forest Camp

3 tent sites with picnic table and fireplace. Accessible vault toilet. Accessible fishing pad. No fee. Located on Road 2924-200, 24 mi. NE of Tiller.

TRASH

The county transfer site is located 4 miles from Tiller on County Road No. 46 (free), open Wed.-Sun. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

INDUSTRIAL CAMPS:

These campgrounds may be available for recreation use when not reserved for contractor use. No garbage service.

Ash Flat

4 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Vault toilets. No fee. Camping fees are proposed for 2009. Located on South Umpqua Road (#28), 17 mi. NE of Tiller.

Skillet Creek

4 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Vault toilets. No fee. Located on South Umpqua Road (#28), 25 mi. NE of Tiller.

Black Canyon

3 tent/trailer sites with picnic table and fireplace. Vault toilet. No fee. Located on Road 2925, 15 mi. NE of Tiller.

Falcon Creek

1 tent/trailer site with two picnic tables and a fireplace. Vault toilet. No fee. Located on Road 2947-300, 24 mi. NE of Tiller.

DISPERSED CAMPING:

Extra care is needed when camping outside of developed campgrounds: Keep vehicles on roadways and camp 100 feet from water. Self-contained toilets are encouraged, otherwise bury human waste 200 feet from water. Pack-out your garbage.

RESPECT THE RIVER:

To protect water quality and streamside vegetation, the South Umpqua River will be managed for Day Use Only, between Buckeye Bridge Road 29 and Quartz Mtn. Road 27. Overnight camping is allowed only at designated campgrounds and designated areas along the river corridor.

WILDERNESS:



"Leave No Trace" camping techniques are necessary in order to protect wilderness values. Group size is limited to a maximum of 20, including livestock, with a maximum of 12 people or 12 livestock per group.

"Share the Shoreline" with other people and wildlife. Please camp 200 feet from water.

At popular campsites, firewood is scarce. Camp stoves are recommended and also required when fire restrictions apply. Cutting of live or dead trees is prohibited.

TRAILS:

Due to heavy storm damage, some trails may not be maintained this year. Call for current conditions.

WILDERNESS TRAILS:

Wilderness Trails are open to foot and horse travel, unless noted. They are closed to motorized vehicles, equipment, bicycles, and carts:

Acker Divide #1437 - 7.3 miles. This trail provides access to Cripple Camp trail shelter, Grasshopper Meadows, Hershberger Mtn. Lookout, and the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Trail #1470.

Beaver Swamp #1569 - 1.2 miles. This is the shortest route to Fish Lake.

Castle Creek #1576 - 9.9 miles. This trail follows Castle Rock Fork and leads to Windy Gap, under Rattlesnake Mountain and to Fish Creek Valley.

Cougar Butte #1432 - 6.3 miles. Excellent vistas extending to the high Cascades and northern California are featured along this high country trail leading to Abbott Butte.



Cow Horn Arch

Cripple Camp #1435 - 0.7 miles. Beginning at Cripple Camp Trailhead, this short trail passes through an old growth Douglas-fir forest on its way to Cripple Camp Shelter and the Acker Divide Trail #1437.

Fish Lake #1570 - 8.2 miles. This trail leads to Fish Lake, then follows Highrock Creek to the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Trail #1470 below Hershberger Mountain.

Grasshopper #1574 - 1.7 miles. This trail leads up Grasshopper Mountain and connects the Lakes Trail #1578 with the Acker Divide Trail #1437.

Grasshopper Mtn. #1580 - 0.8 miles. A short spur trail leading to the cliffs of Grasshopper Mountain and the site of a former fire detection lookout.

Indian #1573 - 1.7 miles - foot travel only. This trail offers an alternate route to Fish Lake for hikers using the Skimmerhorn Trailhead and provides the shortest route between Fish Lake and Buckeye and Cliff Lakes.

Lakes #1578 - 6.7 miles. This trail begins at the bridge near Fish Lake Trailhead, passes by Skimmerhorn Trailhead, Buckeye Lake, Cliff Lake and terminates at Fish Lake Trail #1570, near the inlet of Fish Lake.

Pup Prairie #1434 - 1.9 miles. This trail begins at the Acker Divide Trail #1437 and climbs through beautiful sub-alpine meadows on its way to the Rogue-Umpqua

Divide Trail #1470, south of Hershberger Mtn.

Rocky Ridge #1571 - 2 miles. This trail connects Rocky Rim Trail #1572 with Rocky Ridge Shelter.

Rocky Rim #1572 - 6.7 miles. This trail begins at Beaver Swamp Trailhead and climbs up to offer a bird's eye view of Fish Lake and upper Castle Creek drainage before connecting with the Rogue Umpqua Divide Trail #1470.

Rogue-Umpqua Divide #1470 - 21.6 miles. This trail travels the entire length of the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness. From Huckleberry Gap near Abbott Butte to Fish Creek Valley, this trail connects with several trails to the east and west of the divide.

Sandstone #1436 - 3.0 miles. This trail climbs to Anderson Mtn., passing rock formations along the way.

SHORT TRAILS TO VISTAS:

Elk Skull Bluff #1428A - 0.6 miles. A loop from Devil's Flat Campground to a vista point of Cow Creek drainage.

Little Black Rock #1562 - 0.7 miles. A trail to the site of a former fire detection lookout.

Smith Ridge #1561 - 0.6 miles. A trail to the site of a former fire detection lookout.

SHORT TRAILS TO WATER:

Boze Shelter #1588 - 0.2 miles. A trail to a historic trail shelter beside Black Rock Fork of the South Umpqua River.

Camp Comfort #1586 - 0.3 miles. An easy trail that begins in Camp Comfort Campground and leads to the beginning of the South Umpqua River:



Campbell Falls #1587 - 0.2 miles. A trail to a waterfall on the South Umpqua River, dedicated to a World War II pilot.

Cathedral Falls #1596 - 0.1 miles. An accessible trail to a small waterfall on a seasonal creek, near Three C Rock Picnic Area.

Cow Creek Falls #1422 - 0.4 miles - foot travel only. This loop trail takes you through the unique geology of Cow Creek Falls Gorge from the Devil's Flat Guard Station.

Deerlick Falls #1568 - 0.1 miles. A trail to a small waterfall in Black Rock Fork of the South Umpqua River.

TRAILS OPEN TO MOUNTAIN BIKES:

Cow Creek #1424 - 6.5 miles - foot, horse, and bicycle travel only. This National Recreation trail follows Cow Creek and leads to Railroad Gap. Brilliant fall colors highlight this trail experience. Be prepared to wade several creek crossings.

Devil's Flat #1428 - 5.0 miles - foot, horse, and bicycle travel only. Beginning at Devil's Flat Guard Station, this trail leads to the top of Red Mountain, with views of distant mountains including Mt. Shasta.

Donegan Prairie #1431 - 3.8 miles - foot, horse, and bicycle travel only. This trail offers a scenic trip through subalpine meadows typical of the Rogue-Umpqua Divide.

TRAILS OPEN TO MOTORCYCLES:

Bunchgrass Meadows #1575 - 5.5 miles. This trail begins at Whisky Camp Guard Station and passes by a historic trail shelter and grassy meadows before connecting to Beaver Creek Trail. The trail crosses system roads with other access opportunities.

Beaver Creek #1426 - 6.4 miles. This trail begins at Whisky Camp Guard Station and leads into and out of the Beaver Creek drainage. Be prepared to wade stream crossings. This trail also crosses system roads with other access opportunities and connects with Bunchgrass Meadows Trail.

Elkhorn #1426A - 2.3 miles. This trail begins near Coffin Butte and connects

Bunchgrass Trail with Beaver Creek Trail for shorter loop opportunities.



Bunchgrass Meadows



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