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RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Olympic National Forest

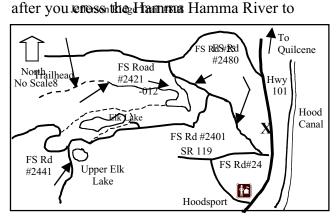
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Jefferson Ridge Trail #808

Hood Canal District – Quilcene Office 295142 Highway 101 S. P.O. Box 280 Quilcene, WA 98376 (360) 765-2200

ACCESS: Travel Highway 101 to FS Road #25 (Hamma Hamma Recreation Area) 14 miles north of Hoodsport. Turn west on FS Road #25, go 6.5 miles to the junction of the FS Rd. #2480 and turn left on to #2480. Drive a short distance



FS Road #2421. Turn on to #2421 and drive 2.5 miles to trailhead. FS Road #2421 is very steep and rocky. Good tires are recommended.

FACILITIES: Small parking area. There is no toilet nor water available at trailhead.

SETTING: This trail leads to the top of the ridge through a second growth forest of Douglas-fir.

TRAIL INFORMATION: Trail starts in a second growth forest, with heavy undergrowth of salal, rhododendrons and vine maple. As the trail switchbacks, it crosses an old Cat track that goes straight up the hill. It crosses the Cat track off and on, finally following it entirely making the climb a bit steeper. The trail enters dense forest and veers away from the Cat track, becoming a more gradual grade through a stand of western hemlock. Beyond a logged area, the path goes back into forest and either follows the ridge or traverses to one side. The trail then approaches a cave or hole beside the trail that

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looks straight down. Be alert and use caution. Presently, the trail comes out of the forest onto the ridge top and ends where a fire lookout tower formerly stood.

Destination	Miles	Elev.
Trailhead (Rd.#2401-012)	0.0	1,100'
Ridge top	2.9	3,832'

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, wildflower viewing (known for rhododendrons) and scenic views of the surrounding mountains: Mt. Washington and Mt. Pershing; the Sawtooth Range consisting of Mt. Cruiser, Mt. Skokomish and Mt. Stone; The Brothers, and in a gap between Lena and The Brothers, a rounded peak with a snowfield Mt. Deception and a steep peak – Mt. Mystery.

CLOSURES: Motorized vehicles are prohibited.

TOPO MAPS: Mount Skokomish-Lake Cushman Custom Correct Map.

PASS NOT REQUIRED: A NW Forest Pass or a Golden Passport (Eagel, Age or Access) is not required to park a vehicle at this trailhead.



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