



Short Trails for Stops To and From the Coast



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Four County Point Trail



This Tillamook State Forest trail is about 39 miles from Portland. Access is directly from the Sunset Highway, with parking on the shoulder. A nice, easy stop on the way to and from the coast.



Details

Hike Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 1 mile
Elevation Gain: Approximately 40 feet
Walk Duration: About 25 minutes one way
Condition: Trail is well maintained and relatively flat

Directions to Trailhead

The trailhead is on the North side of Highway 26, just past milepost 35. The turnoff for the trailhead is marked by a brown Oregon Department of Forestry sign along the road, where a wide shoulder accommodates parking for at least a dozen cars. Walk East from there and turn North on an old road, which turns into the trail that leads down to the forest.

Trail Log

The trail itself winds through a Douglas-fir forest mixed with Vine maple, Salal, Oregon grape and Sword ferns. The North Fork of Wolf Creek runs alongside providing beautiful stream-side vistas. The trail leads down before heading uphill and parallel to the road. Eventually the trail will connect with an access road, but it then diverges from this road at the top of the next hillock. The trail is relatively flat and well maintained, so it can be navigated by most people without undue burden. On the way back, the access road leads up the slope to the road, bypassing the lower portion of the trail.

Steam Donkey Trail



This Tillamook State Forest trail is more than half way to the coast and is accessed by a turn off at the Sunset Rest Area. This trail makes a nice, easy stop to or from the coast.



Details

Hike Difficulty: Easy
Distance: 0.8 miles
Elevation Gain: Approximately 120 feet
Walk Duration: About 20-30 minutes
Condition: Trail is well maintained

Directions to Trailhead

The trailhead is approximately 43 miles on Highway 26 at the Sunset Rest Area (between mileposts 28 and 29) in the Clatsop State Forest. Drive around the wayside to the large sign across from the restrooms. The interpretive trail begins at the bridge.

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Configured like a figure 8, these two short trails comprise one interpretative trail that attempts to give some idea of what it was like to log these hills in the early 20th century. This walking trail shows off the huge stumps of yesteryear and the charm of our deeply shaded forests through the Springboard trail (0.3 miles) and the upper Dooley Spur Loop Trail (0.5 miles). Both trails are well maintained and there is a nice bench near the interpretive sign at the midpoint of the figure 8 – where the two trails join.