

# **TIMOTHY LAKE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE**

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# EVENT INFORMATION

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This is an easy day hike starting at a little less than 3300 feet with a minimum of elevation gain. Although a 14K round trip, there are many places along the way if you feel you need to turn back. Enjoy an amazing geological oddity, old growth forest, a pleasant stream and campsites on the shore of a large lake. Mount Hood will be visible along the trail. The trail is well-maintained and is an excellent hike for children.

Timothy Lake was named for Timothy Grass, planted in what was once a meadow for grazing. Portland General Electric built a dam and created the lake.

**Remember, you're still in the mountains, so be prepared for changing weather conditions. Carry extra clothes, snacks and water. Sunscreen, a hat and bug repellent are good ideas.**

**Please check current weather and trail information especially early in the season: Mount Hood Ranger District, 6780 Highway 35, Parkdale, Oregon 97041, Hours: Monday - Saturday, 8:00am - 4:30pm, 541.352.6002, <http://www.fs.usda.com/mthood>.**

**Restrooms:** The only restroom is at the trailhead.

**No cell coverage, No emergency phone.**

## Government Camp -- Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) Timothy Lake Y1514, 14K, 10K, 7K– Rated 1B

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**Driving Directions:** From Government Camp, go east on US 26 for 12 miles. Turn **Right** (south) onto FS 42, following signs for Timothy Lake. Go 4.2 miles on FS 41 and turn **Right** (west) onto Road 58, following a sign for Little Crater Lake. After 2.4 miles turn into the Little Crater Lake Campground and follow the access road to the parking area at the far end of the campground. No permits are required. **GPS coordinates: 45.14784 -121.74771.**

**Emergency cell service 911 may not be available.**

1. From the parking area, walk through a big meadow 500 feet to Little Crater Lake, hidden away in a pocket of trees to your left. The lake is an artesian spring, 45 feet deep and a constant 34°F.
2. **Continue** past the lake, following a boardwalk over a stile and eventually through a cattle gate into the forest.
3. **Continue** a total of 0.3 miles from the trailhead to the PCT in a grove of big Douglas firs and rhododendrons.
4. **Left** (south) on the PCT 0.3 miles to the Timothy Lake Trail/ PCT.
5. **Continue** south on the PCT, crossing swift-flowing Crater Creek on a big, wide bridge.
6. **Continue** through newer trees and at 0.2 miles past Crater Creek you will get a glimpse of Timothy Lake, which becomes a marsh in the fall.
7. **Continue** as the forest opens up along the northeast arm of the lake. You'll pass a campsite at 0.7 miles past the creek, away from the lake.
8. **Continue** and at 1.7 miles there's a trail down to a big campsite on the shore of the lake, with a trail leading south to other campsites.
9. **Continue** on the trail a half mile over a small rise to a view of the main part of the lake through the trees. A faint trail leads down and to the right, toward a campground on a small bay. The campground has good swimming and a rocky point with a good view of the main lake.
10. **Return from here for a 7K hike.** Or,
11. **Continue** on along the lake. When the trail turns left rising away from the lake, **you can turn around for a 10k hike.** Or,
12. **Continue** on along the PCT to the base of the lake and the junction with the Timothy Lake Trail/PCT and the beginning of a fork of the Clackamas River.
13. **Return** the way you came for a 14K hike.

We hope you enjoyed this easy hike on the Pacific Crest Trail.

# plotaroute.com - Timothy Lake Pacific Crest Trail - 13.5 Km



## **PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKES**

### **WASHINGTON:**

- 1. Chinook Pass – Sheep Lake and Sourdough Gap - Y2763**
- 2. Mt. Rainier National Park -- Naches Loop and Dewey Lakes - Y2050**
- 3. North Bonneville – Gillette Lake - Y2294**
- 4. Snoqualmie Pass – Kendall Katwalk - Y0786**
- 5. Snoqualmie Pass – Lodge Lake and Mirror Lake - Y3183**
- 6. Stevens Pass – Lake Valhalla - Y3182**
- 7. Stevens Pass – Josephine Lake - Y3184**
- 8. White Pass – North Four Lakes – Y3190**
- 9. White Pass – South Ginnette and Shoe Lakes – Y3191**

### **OREGON:**

- 10. Cascade Locks – Herman Creek Pinnacles - Y1677**
- 11. Eugene, OR – Willamette Pass Rosary Lakes – Y2465**
- 12. Government Camp – Timothy Lake – Y1514**
- 13. McKenzie Pass – Belknap Craters – Y3246**
- 14. Wapinitia Pass – North Twin Lakes – Y3230**
- 15. Sisters, OR – McKenzie Pass Matthieu Lakes – Y2435**
- 16. Willamette Pass – South - Three Lakes – Y3240**

### **CALIFORNIA:**

- 17. Carson Pass – Overviews & Frog Lake -- Y0880**
- 18. Donner Pass – Y1038**
- 19. Round Valley – Castle Valley & Views - Y0983**
- 20. Whitewater – River Trail – Year-round - Y0975**