

MATTHIEU LAKES PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

Oregon Central Cascades

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EVENT INFORMATION

Matthieu Lakes

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NOTE: The route to the start, Highway 242, does not normally open until the 3rd week of June.

This is a moderate day hike on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) in the central Cascades of Oregon with a gain of about 900 feet to South Matthieu Lake. It is on a moderately used section of the PCT which goes out to South Matthieu Lake, then loops back passing North Matthieu Lake on the return. Views improve as you go, with views of North and Middle Sister ahead and Mt. Washington and Jefferson behind. Dogs are allowed on leash. You may want to pause at South Matthieu Lake for lunch or a swim. South Matthieu Lake is surprisingly warm during the late part of summer.

Just remember, you are in the mountains where weather can change quickly. You should come well prepared with first aid kit, extra water, snacks, and clothing. Hiking shoes and stick, hat, bug repellent are suggested.

Always check weather conditions especially early. It's a good idea to check with Ranger Districts on trail and road conditions prior to departing to the start point of this hike. No campfires are allowed around the areas close to the water. Tents allowed in designated areas. There are 3 camp areas at South Matthieu Lake, and 6 areas at North Matthieu Lake.

No emergency phone or cell service.

Sisters Ranger District, US20 & Pine Street Sisters Oregon 97759

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Matthieu Lakes Walk and Driving Directions

Y 2435 10k (6.2 miles), Optional 15k (9.5 miles), Rated 3C

Driving Directions: From South or North I-5 exit 194A East onto SR 126, Drive 55 miles on SR126. **Right** on SR 242 (Old McKenzie Hwy). **This Hwy is normally open the 3rd Monday in June.** Good idea to check highway conditions before going this route. www.tripcheck.com or www.highwayconditions.com. Proceed 22 miles to the Dee Wright observatory. Continue 0.5 miles and **turn South** near milepost 78, toward Lava Camp Lake. Follow this 0.4 miles to PCT parking.

Alternative driving route: Take SR 20 East toward Sisters, **Right** at sign for McKenzie Pass. **Right** on SR 242 (Old McKenzie Hwy) Drive 14 miles. **Left** at Lava Camp Lake and follow directions as above.

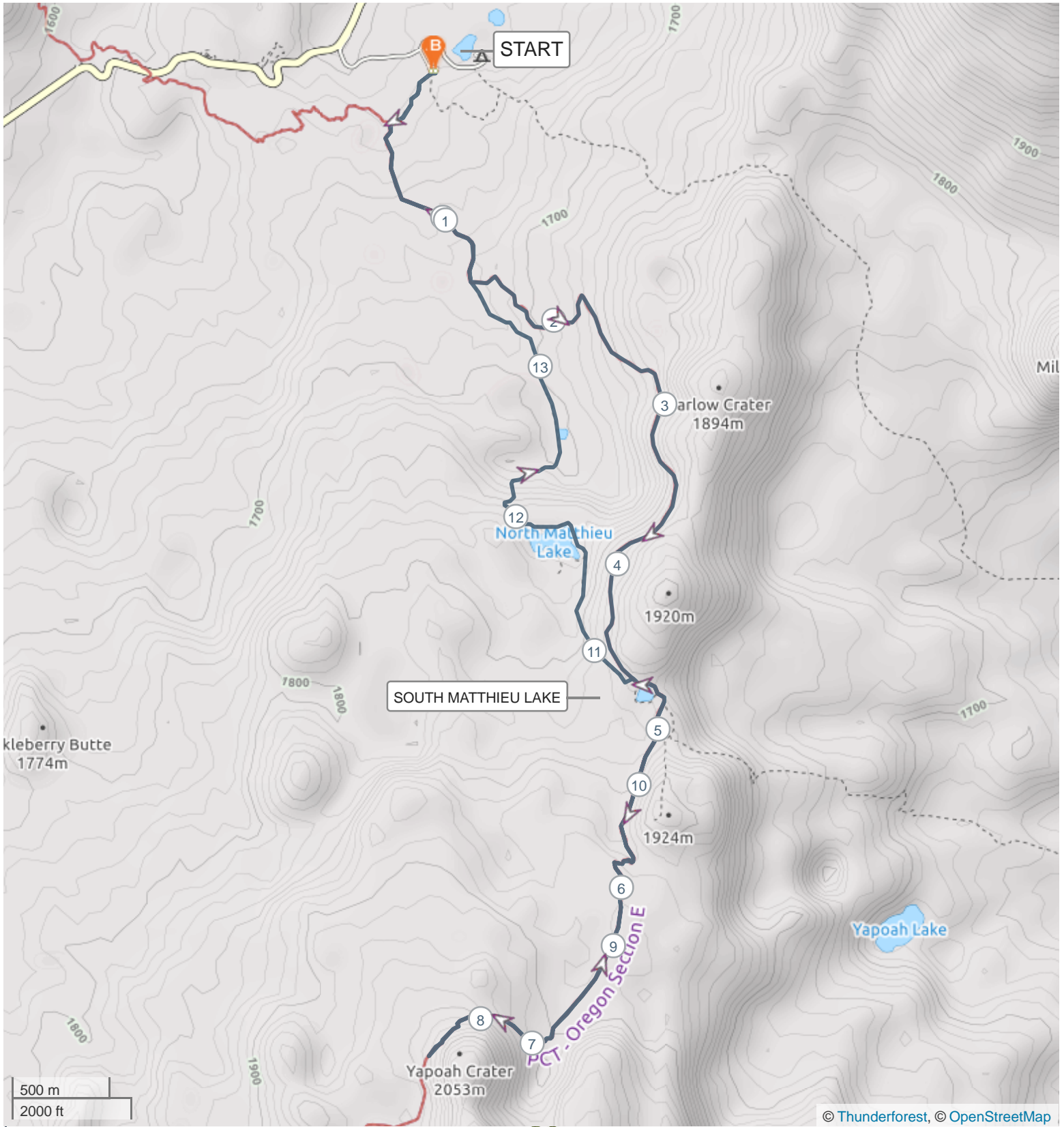
Never over-extend yourself on mountain hikes, especially with elevation change. You may turn back at any point along the route.

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1. **Start** the hike near the registration box, marked "Lava Camp lake Trail".
2. Hike 0.2 miles to the junction with the PCT on the edge of a lava field.
3. **Left** on the Pacific Crest Trail.
4. **Left** at a junction at 0.7 miles to stay on the PCT. Views improve as you hike, with North and Middle Sister ahead, and Mt. Washington and Jefferson behind.
5. **Continue** through a black cinder field to South Matthieu Lake a good place to rest and have lunch.
For 10k go to #7
6. **For 15k Continue** on past South Matthieu Lake 2.5k to Yapoah Crater, which produced the lava in the area.
Return back to South Matthieu Lake.
7. **Continue** the loop at South Matthieu Lake by hiking back up hill 100 yards to the trail junction sign marked North Matthieu Lake.
8. At the sign take the **downhill route**, part of the old Oregon Skyline Trail, 0.7 miles to North Matthieu Lake This is one of the best lakes to swim in, in the Cascades.
9. **Continue** along the edge of the lake and down switchbacks, along the edge of the lava field to reconnect with the PCT.
9. **Left** on the PCT and to the junction.
10. **Right** onto Lava Camp Lake Trail and to your vehicle at the parking area to finish.

These directions and map may only be used in conjunction with a signed AVA athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Matthieu Lakes PCT



AVA Special Programs and OTSVA Walk Oregon Challenges

Walk Name: Matthieu Lakes – Pacific Crest Trail/Y2435

AVA Special Programs

Pacific Crest Trail	(2019 ----)	Doing this trail will count when this special program is official.
50 States/51 capitals	Ongoing	Oregon
Walking the USA A-Z	Ongoing	McKenzie Pass (M), Sisters (S)

OTSVA/Walk Oregon Challenges

“N” Nature	January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021	Various
“O” Overlooks	January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021	Various

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL (PCT) HIKES IN WASHINGTON, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA

Washington:

Naches Loop and Dewey lake, WA – Y2050

Kendall Katwalk, WA – Y0786

Gillette Lake, WA – Y2294

Oregon:

Timothy lake, OR – Y1514

Herman Creek Pinnacles, OR – Y1677

Matthieu Lakes, OR – Y2435

Rosary Lakes, OR – Y2465

California:

Carson pass, CA – Y0880

Donner Pass, CA – Y1038

Round valley, CA – Y0983

Whitewater, CA – Y0975

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