

Rosary Lakes Pacific Crest Trail

Oregon Central Cascades

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EVENT INFORMATION

Rosary Lakes

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This is a moderately difficult 12k out and back with a 1000 ft. elevation change. It is well worth walking past these three high Cascade Lakes with excellent primitive camp sites near the lakes. You will also get glimpses of some of the other lakes in the area, including Odell Lake and a view of Maiden Peak as well as Diamond Peak to the south. The best time of year to do these walks is the end of August through September.

It is advisable to check road and weather plus fire danger prior to setting out for any mountain hikes. Always come prepared when doing mountain hikes. Bring extra clothing, water, and snack food as well as a first aid kit, bug repellent a hat and sun screen. Good hiking shoes and a hiking stick are recommended. Weather can change quite suddenly in the mountains.

**Contacts for the area: Middle Fork Ranger District; 46375 Hwy 58
Phone: 541-782-5306. E-mail: www.usda.gov**

**Cell phone service is very spotty depending on the carrier.
Emergency phone available at the ski resort during operating hours upon request.**

Driving Directions: NORTH BOUND I-5 Take exit 188A Willamette Hwy 58; **Right at stop sign onto SR58. SOUTH BOUND I-5 Exit 188 Hwy 58 (Oakridge). **Left** at stop sign.**

Drive 62 miles. Just after Willamette Ski Resort and PCT sign on the right, turn **Left** on short road toward the Hwy Commission building and then **Right** a short distance to the PCT parking area. It's a short hike up a trail to the Pacific Crest Trail.

Rosary Lakes Y2465 12k (6.2 miles), Rated 3C

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Driving directions are on the event information page. Make sure that you have proper day use and parking passes. Check use conditions, such as fire danger during late summer.

(Starting at elevation of 5130 feet)

1. From PCT parking area, go up hill on a connecting trail a short distance to the PCT and turn **right**.
2. The trail climbs steadily east through a forest of Douglas-fir, western white pine and hemlock to a saddle.
3. It then curves north passing a hundred foot high rock pile where you may catch a glimpse of Picas peeking from the rocks.
4. You will then reach the ridge above South Rosary Lake. This clear lake is deep in early summer, but may drop as much as 20 feet in late summer due to the porous volcanic rock in the area. **(elev. 5730)**
5. The trail then goes north crossing the lakes outlet to a ridgetop camp site. **Continue** northward to the southwest corner of the deep blue-green of the Middle Rosary Lake. **(elev. 5830 feet)**
6. **Continue** on passing the shallower North Rosary Lake, then follow the trail as it climbs west above the lakes north shore to a switch-back that goes east-northeast to a trail junction that leads to Maiden Lake Trail. **(elev. 6060)**
7. **Turn around** at the junction. Simply follow the trail in reverse back to the start point.

These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited”.

There are nice sites by the South and Middle Rosary Lakes for camping in this moderately used area of the Pacific Crest Trail.

We hope you enjoy this hike 😊

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Rosary Lake PCT



AVA Special programs and OTSVA/WOC Challenges

Central Cascades, Rosary Lakes Y2465

OTSVA/WOC CHALLENGES

"O" Overlooks	January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2021	Various
"N" Nature	January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2021	Various

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Pacific Crest Trail	2019 -	This will count when the special program becomes active
50 States	Ongoing	OREGON STATE
A-Z	Ongoing	"W" Willamette Pass "E" -Eugene

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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WWW.AVA.ORG**