

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>.

No cell coverage, so no emergency phone.

Northwest Region Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
Timothy Lake Y1514, 14K (8 miles)/10K (6.2 miles)/7K (4.3 miles) –
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.

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 13.5K hike.

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

Emergency cell service 911 may not be available.

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

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AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS CHECKLIST

WALK NAME Timothy Lake – Pacific Crest Trail		
NUMBER -- Y1514		
AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
50 STATES/51 CAPITALS	[Ongoing]	OREGON STATE
BRIDGES – SPANNING THE USA	[2016-2018]	Footbridge Crater Creek
FLAG, HONORING OUR	[2015-2017]	
PACIFIC CREST TRAIL	[2018--]	Doing this trail will count when this national challenge is official.
VOLCANOS	[2015-2017]	Mount Hood
WALK THE USA A - Z	[ongoing]	"G" Government Camp

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL (PCT) AVA SANCTIONED HIKES

WASHINGTON:

NACHES LOOP and DEWEY LAKE –Y2050 – Four Plus Foolhardy Folks

KENDALL KATWALK – Y0786

GILLETTE LAKE – Y2294

OREGON:

TIMOTHY LAKE – Y1514

HERMAN CREEK PINNACLES – Y1677

CALIFORNIA:

CARSON PASS – Y0880

DONNER PASS – Y1038

ROUND VALLEY/SALT RIDGE – Y0983

WHITEWATER – Y0975

Find other walks and hikes on the AVA website – www.ava.org.