

# Salmon River Trail #742



Northwest  
Forest Pass  
Required  
May 1 - Oct 31



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 14.0 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 1600-3400 feet  
Snow Free ..... April to November



**Trail Highlights:** This trail accesses the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness Area and travels through mossy old growth forest next to the wild and scenic Salmon River. Chinook and Coho salmon, along with Steelhead, Rainbow and Cutthroat trout are found in the river. There are several established campsites along the way making this trail an excellent choice for backpacking.

**Trail Description:** This trail climbs from the edge of Salmon River to a bluff with several view points and follows the north shoulder of the river. The trail generally follows gentle terrain, but there are several steep sections along the way. The width varies from narrow to wide with the better tread found on the west and east ends of the trail. Access to this trail is best from the west end and is a great through hike. To complete a difficult 14.5 mile loop, follow this trail southeast 6.3 miles to Kinzel Lake Trail #665. Go left (northeast) on Kinzel Lake Trail #665 and travel 2.2 miles to Hunchback Trail #793. Go left (northwest) on Hunchback Trail #793 and travel 3.6 miles to Green Canyon Way Trail #793A. Go left (southeast) on Green Canyon Way Trail #793A and travel 3.2 miles to Salmon River Road (Forest Road 2618) and Green Canyon Campground.

### Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Wilderness Permits are required between May 15 and Oct 15.
- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

#### Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) or call 1-800-332-4100

For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

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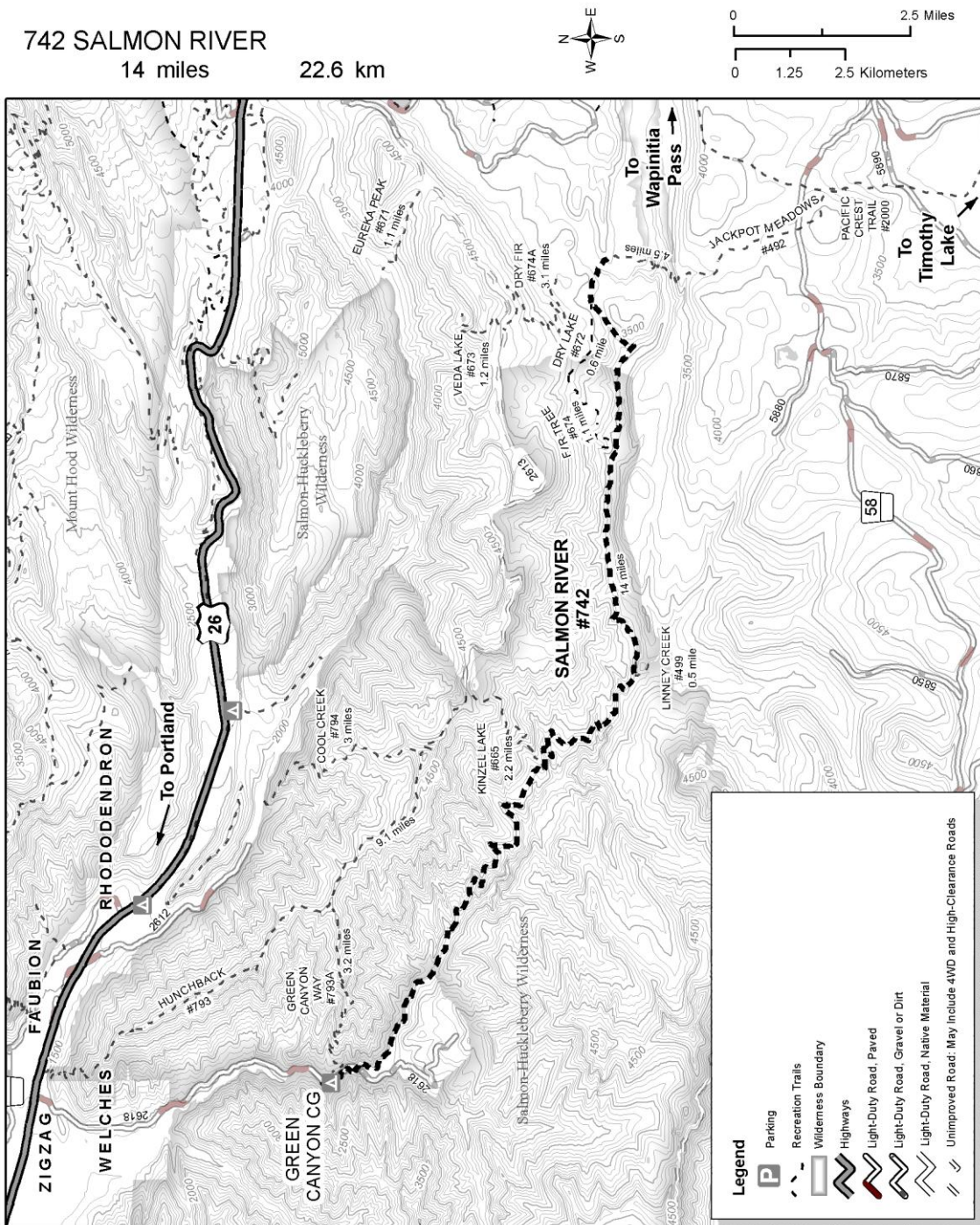
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**Directions to Trailhead:** To reach the WEST end of the trail from Portland, travel 17.3 miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26. Turn right (south) on Salmon River road and follow it for 5 miles to the parking area. The trailhead is on the left (east) side of the road just north of the bridge.

To reach the EAST end of the trail from Portland, travel 31 miles east of Sandy on US Hwy 26. Turn right (south) at Forest Road 2656 (across from Snow Bunny Snopark). Follow it for 1.8 miles past Trillium Lake Campground. Turn left (southwest) continuing on Forest Road 2656 for 1.9 miles to Forest Road 2656-309. Start right on Forest Road 2656-309 for 2 miles to the trailhead. This is also the north trailhead for the Jackpot Meadows Trail #492.



**Recommended maps:** Zigzag Ranger District

