

# Opal Creek Wilderness & Scenic Recreation Area

## Willamette National Forest

### Oregon

- Wilderness Area
- National Scenic Recreation Area
- Willamette National Forest
- Mount Hood National Forest
- Outside National Forest

- River / Streams
- Intermittent Streams
- Improved Gravel Road
- Unimproved Gravel Road
- Forest Service Road
- Forest Service Trail
- Closed Gate
- Point of Interest
- Trail
- Trailhead
- Elkhorn Locale
- Day use
- Summit (elevation in feet)
- Marsh
- Lake
- Pearl Creek FS Station
- Camping
- Parking (with NW Forest Pass)



Scale 1 : 63,360 / 1 inch = 1 mile



#### Getting There.....

From Salem, drive on Highway 22 east, for 23 miles to the Swiss Village Restaurant in Mehama. Turn left at a sign for Elkhorn. Follow the paved Little North Santiam Road for 15 miles, and continue straight on gravel for another 1.3 miles to a fork. Veer left on Road 2209 past the sign "Road Closed 6 Miles Ahead" and drive to the locked gate. Residents of Jawbone Flats are allowed to drive the dirt road ahead; others must park and walk.

#### FRIENDS OF OPAL CREEK

#### WELCOMES YOU TO YOUR PUBLIC FOREST

Friends of Opal Creek is a non-profit organization with a mission to inspire understanding of ancient forest ecosystems through education and interpretation, and to work with others in the stewardship of the natural, historic and cultural values of the Opal Creek Wilderness and Scenic Recreation Area. Friends of Opal Creek maintain and steward the Opal Creek Educational Center. This camp was built in the rejuvenated historic mining town of Jawbone Flats. More information available online at [www.opalcreek.org](http://www.opalcreek.org) or by phone (503) 897-2921.

#### Trail Descriptions & Distances

- Gate to Jawbone Flats:** An easy 6.25 miles round trip, 200 foot elevation gain, bikes allowed on the road between the gate and Jawbone Flats.
- Gate to Opal Pool:** (via Opal Creek Trail) An easy 7 miles round trip, 200 foot elevation gain.
- Gate to Cedar Flats:** Round trip a moderate 10.5 miles, 500 foot elevation gain.
- Elk Lake to Battle Ax:** A moderate 4.5 mile loop hike, 1600 feet elevation gain.
- Elk Lake to Mt. Beachie:** A moderate 5.8 miles round trip, 1200 feet elevation gain.
- Whetstone Mountain Trail:** A strenuous 14.5 mile loop or an 11 mile summit and back round trip hike, 3000 foot elevation gain.

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