Triple C Trail, OR



Vicinity Location:
About 30 miles west of Portland, OR.

Directions:
From Portland, take Highway 26 west for about 20 miles. Continue on Highway 26, past the exit for Hwy 6.

Continue on Highway 26 for several miles from
the junction Hwy 26 and Hwy 6. The turnoff for Timber Road is 3.1 miles after
the tunnel on Highway 26. Turn left onto NW Timber Road and drive 3.1 miles to
the community of Timber. Turn right onto Cochran Road and drive 2.5 miles. The
first .5 mile is paved and the other 2 miles is dirt road. Drive about .1 mile
past Reehers Campground and turn left into the day use area.

No permits are required.

There is an outhouse near the trailhead at the parking lot.

Trail:
Triple C Trail with connections to.Gales Creek Trail, Step Creek Trail

There are no geocaches for this trail.

Trail Maps:
Topo Map, Download Garmin .gpx file

Length and Elevation:
1.7 miles one way. Elevation gain of 261 feet and loss of 236 feet to the day-use area. Elevation at the trailhead is 1,115
feet. Elevation at the parking lot is 1,140 feet.

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The trail starts about .25 mile south of the
Gales Creek Trailhead just before the bridge over the Nehalem River. The trail
goes gently uphill into the forest along the stream for more than .4 mile,
climbing up a switchback. There are frequent glimpsed of the small river and it
is always within earshot. Along the trail the lush undergrowth includes Piggy-back
plants, Vine maple, Salmon berries, and Stinging nettles.

At just a little more than .5 mile the trail crosses a gravel logging road. The
trail continues across the road and goes back into the forest. The trail climbs
a couple of short switchbacks and then passes through a small clearing in the
forest, probably it was once a logging road. From the clearing there is a nice

view of the surrounding hillsides, then the trail plunges back into the forest again.

The trail continues to climb gently for another .4 mile through the forest with occasional glimpses of the surrounding hillsides. After that, the trail begins to drop and at about 1.5 miles from the trailhead, it passes through a large grassy meadow only offering views of the surrounding forest. Then the trail re-enters the forest once again, gently descending towards the day use area.

At 1.6 miles from the trailhead you will reach a junction for Reehers Campground and Reehers Camp Trailhead. Turn right and take the trail that leads to the trailhead at the day-use area and take a few moments to admire the old-growth Douglas fir that is right in front of you. The tree must be at least 7 feet in diameter.

This is a great trail for small children and dogs. Remember to share the trail with the horses. If you meet a horse, get off the trail on the downhill side. Control your pet so you don’t spook any horses. This trip can be combined with the Step Creek Trail or Central Gales Creek Trail for a longer hike.

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