

Salmon Run Trail

Heron Lake State Park
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Trail Description:

The trail extends 5 miles above the lakeshore, through a forest of ponderosa pine, Gambel oak, and sage brush. Most of the trail is about 4'-6' wide with a graded gravel surface. Several sections of trail are narrow and uneven, with a natural surface.

The trail is considered moderately difficult with several challenging hills.

What to Expect:



Look for mule deer, elk, turkey, osprey in the summer, and bald eagles in the winter. There have been occasional sightings of mountain lions.

Precautions:

Be prepared for sudden and extreme changes in weather. Summer can be very hot and dry; please carry water. Late afternoon thunderstorms are common in July and August.

Obstacles include several steep grades, loose gravel, and narrow sections.



DISTANCE

5 Miles, one way

ACTIVITIES

- Hiking
- Mountain Biking
- Cross-County Skiing
- Snowshoeing

AMENITIES

- Restrooms
- Benches
- Picnic Tables

ELEVATION

7,180' - 7,340'

DIFFICULTY

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Visitor Center

N 36°41'46.93"
W 106°39'11.11

Park Rules:

Vehicles must display a valid park permit, which can be purchased at a self-pay station or the visitor center.

- Please pack out all trash
- Keep dogs on a leash
- NO** motor vehicles on the trail



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Heron Lake

Willow Creek

Blanco

Visitor Center

East Overlook

Brushy Point

Island View

Salmon Run

West Overlook

Dam

Rio Chama Trailhead

Rio Chama

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- △ Campground
- 🚶 Trailhead
- S Paystation
- * Restroom
- (Yellow) Salmon Run Trail
- (Black) Road



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