

Thought I'd pass along the directions to Mt. Adams Horse Camp in case you decide to take advantage of the forecasted weather this weekend. It's a nice camp. There are several spots with the horse area under trees, and the rest are out in the open. There is horse water, but no potable water for people. There is a restroom. If the sites are full, you can camp in the meadow so there is really unlimited room. Mt. Adams is really close and is the centerpiece of the view from camp. Trails are easy; most of the ones we rode were in the trees which helped to keep the dust down.

To get there, go south on I-5 to Vancouver. Take I-205 to Portland, go east on I-84 to Hood River, then north across the bridge at the White Salmon exit. The toll for a truck and double-axel trailer is \$1.50. The bridge will make you want to say your prayers. At the end of the bridge turn left, then watch for the sign to Alt. 141. Turn right on Alt. 141 and follow the signs to Trout Lake (basically, go left at the only stop sign). At Trout Lake, bear right at the Chevron station. Continue north about 1.5 miles and bear right at the Y (left fork is the Randle Road). Go about .5 mile and turn left on the 80 Road toward "South Climb and Mt. Adams Recreation Area." Continue up the 80 Road, cross a steel cattle guard (there is a painted cattle guard first so don't let this confuse you), go .5 mile, and turn left on the 031 Road. Go .5 mile, bear right at the Y and you are there. Drive time from my house is about 3 hrs 45 mins.

The ranger station at Trout Lake has a map of the trails, and a booklet describing the south Mt. Adams trails. Both are free. If you go, it will also be helpful to you to take a topo map that shows the creeks. The Pan Am Endurance Ride took place there two weekends ago, and it is a little difficult in places to tell the "real" trail from the side trails impacted by the endurance ride. We didn't have any trouble when we used the two maps as the creeks gave a good point of reference. There is a lot of riding and our group liked it well enough that it will be on our ride schedule for next year.