

**Photos of McKenzie Pass Pioneer Road**  
Deschutes National Forest, Bend-Fort Rock District

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The hike begins from the Pacific Crest Trail parking area at McKenzie Pass, just off Hwy 242.



Instead of the Pacific Crest Trail, the route follows the edge of the lava flow north for about 300 yards.



One soon reaches the ramp of the pioneer road, which climbs gradually up onto the top of the lava.



Following the road west across the lava field, there are long views south of North and Middle Sister.



At 0.7 miles, the road passes next to some huge pressure cracks, which formed in the cooling lava.



All along the road are poles of an old abandoned telephone line, some still standing and some fallen.



At 1.4 miles, the road descends a ramp off the lava into a shady, forested kipuka island within the flow.



The kipuka island can be the hike destination — or one can follow the road another 0.4 miles to Hwy 242.