

**Photos of Santiam Wagon Road Hike**  
Willamette National Forest - Sweet Home District

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The hike begins at an interpretive board, just past the turnoff to the McKenzie River Trail.



For the first half mile, the wagon road crosses a lava field covered with shrub maples and scattered firs.



Past the lava field, the well-preserved road track wanders among stately old-growth Douglas firs.



For the next 0.7 miles, the road (now a single track trail) climbs steadily uphill, past the 1 mile post.



At 1.3 miles, the trail tops out onto a flat ridge, through pristine Douglas firs that have never been logged.



For the next mile, the wagon route meanders across a fairly level plateau, past the 2 mile marker post.



At 2.4 miles, the wagon road begins to climb up a series of benches, all thickly forested with Douglas firs.



Any of these forested benches can make a good hike destination and lunch spot on a hot summer day.