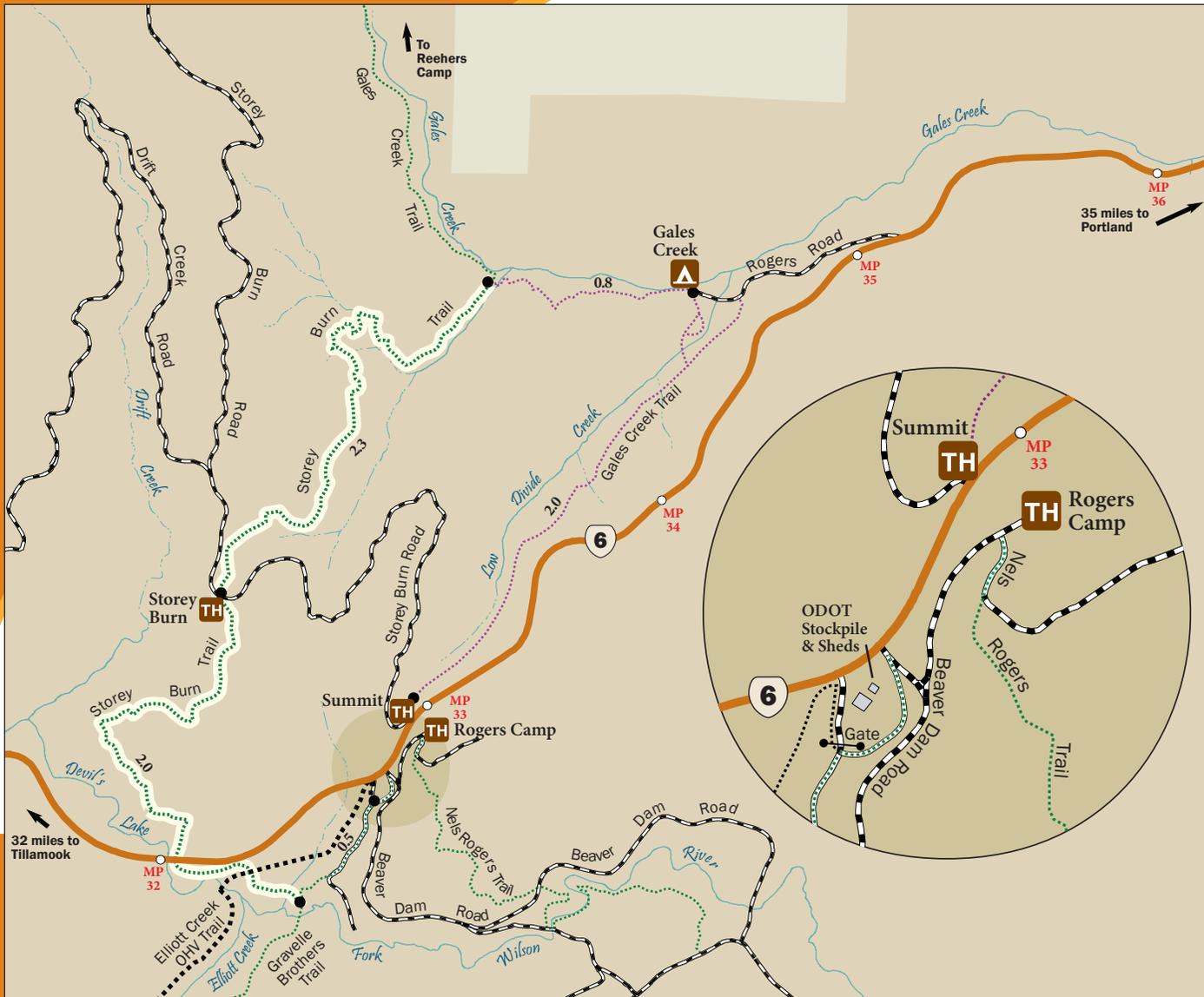


Storey Burn Trail



	Highway	
	Gravel Road	
	OHV Trail	
	Hiking / Mt. Biking / Horse Trail	
	Hiking & Mt. Biking Trail	
	Shared-use Motorized Trail	
	Miles between points	
	Trailhead	
	Camping	
	Highway Milepost Markers	

0 1/4 1/2 mile



Be Prepared

- Let someone know your plans
- Lock your vehicle
- Read trailhead signs
- Pack plenty of water

Protect the Forest

- Stay on designated trails
- Share the trail
- Pack it in, pack it out
- Check current fire conditions



For More Information

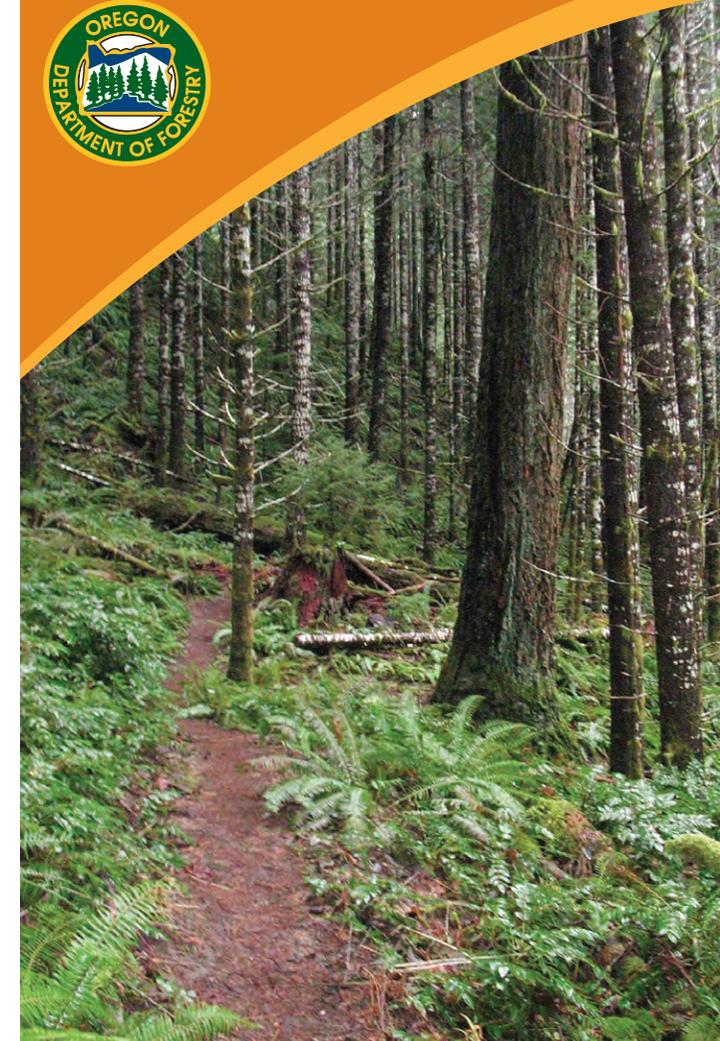
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CAUTION

Use extra caution when driving on single-lane gravel roads in the forest. Drive slowly and watch for truck traffic. Be prepared for changing trail and weather conditions, steep terrain and loose rock.

Tillamook State Forest TRAIL GUIDE

Storey Burn Trail



LENGTH: 4.3 miles
 DIFFICULTY: Moderate



TRAIL INFORMATION

Trailhead Access

This trail may be reached from multiple trailheads.

Storey Burn Trailhead

Travel on Highway 6 to milepost 33, and turn north on to Storey Burn Road. Follow the gravel road 1.8 miles to the trailhead sign, and take the short spur road to the left to reach the trailhead.

Gales Creek Trailhead

Travel on Highway 6 to milepost 35, and follow the signs 1.0 mile to Gales Creek Campground. Please drive with caution on the single-lane gravel road. The trailhead is located on the left before entering the campground.

Rogers Camp Trailhead

Travel on Highway 6 to the summit of the Coast Range, just west of milepost 33, watching for signs to Rogers Camp. Turn south on Beaver Dam Road and proceed 250 feet to a junction. Turn left for 0.1 mile to the trailhead. Read *From Rogers Camp Trailhead* for directions to the beginning of the trail.

About the Trail

This trail can be enjoyed separately or combined with Gales Creek Trail or Gravelle Brothers Trail to make loop options of varying lengths.

The Oregon Department of Forestry manages the Tillamook State Forest for multiple recreational opportunities. A few short sections of the non-motorized Storey Burn Trail travel near motorized trail zones. You may hear sounds of motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. Please make sure to remain on the appropriate designated trails.



Waterfall along Storey Burn Trail

From Storey Burn Trailhead

This trailhead is located near the halfway point of the Storey Burn Trail. Heading north from here, the trail reaches Gales Creek Campground in 3.1 miles as it travels mostly downhill through a variety of forest types. Shortly after leaving the trailhead you will pass through an area of selective timber harvesting. Foresters call this thinning, which promotes the growth of understory plants.

A picturesque waterfall cascades across the trail in 1.3 miles, and lush, water-loving plants line the stream banks. At 2.3 miles, visitors reach the junction with the Gales Creek Trail. This is a pleasant spot to have lunch near an alder-lined stream. Horse riders may continue north on Gales Creek Trail toward Reehers Camp. Hikers and mountain bikers wanting to reach Gales Creek Campground (0.8 mile) should veer right and cross a log bridge.

The route heading south from the Storey Burn Trailhead is also a downhill trip to the Devil's Lake Fork of the Wilson River, connecting with Gravelle Brothers Trail in 2.0 miles (see description from Rogers Camp Trailhead).

From Gales Creek Trailhead

To access Storey Burn Trail from the Gales Creek Trail, start at the west end of the trailhead near the bridge. The trail traverses a fern-covered slope above the creek for 0.8 mile. Storey Burn Trail junction is just after the second wooden bridge. From here, the trail climbs 2.3 miles to the Storey Burn Trailhead.

From Rogers Camp Trailhead

Storey Burn Trail can also be reached via the Gravelle Brothers Trail from Rogers Camp. To find Gravelle Brothers Trail, park at Rogers Camp Trailhead and travel back down the gravel road 0.2 mile to the ODOT maintenance shed (gravel stockpile). Proceed behind the cement barriers on the shared-use (motorized) Elliott Creek Trail to a road heading downhill near a yellow gate. The non-motorized Gravelle Brothers Trail follows this road south and then drops off the right side of the road and down a ridge connecting with Storey Burn Trail in 0.5 mile. From this junction it is 2.0 miles to the Storey Burn Trailhead. The trail winds downhill, fording a small creek and passing by a number of huge, old stumps that illustrate the size of the original trees in the pre-burned forest.

Soon the trail crosses Elliott Creek Motorized Trail and begins a steep, long climb. It heads uphill, traversing under the Highway 6 Graham Bridge. Watch through here for the northern flicker, a member of the woodpecker family that has rusty-colored wings and a white rump. This section also reveals distant views of the Wilson River corridor. The trail eventually flattens out and highway noise is replaced with a babbling brook. After a "U"-shaped switchback and another ravine, the trail pops out at the large circular Storey Burn Trailhead.

Tillamook Treasures

Bracken Fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*)

This seasonal fern is widespread throughout the Northern Hemisphere. It is often found in disturbed areas, but can grow in nearly any ecosystem. Its rhizomes (root stocks) run deep into the ground, which provided Native Americans with a food source. They also used this fern in oven pits to create a protective layer. The young shoots, called fiddleheads, are said to taste like asparagus. However, once the fronds open they begin to absorb toxic amounts of selenium, which can be deadly to humans. Bracken fern has also been known to poison cattle. Regardless, it is a delicate beauty found on the Tillamook Forest floor.

