of a steam donkey. Look directly behind the sign for the remnants of the log sled that once held the donkey engine. Visitors can take a sharp left to stay on Springboard Loop, or continue forward to Dooley Spur Loop for an 0.8 mile walk. The trail on the right is where Dooley Spur Loop ends.

## **Dooley Spur Loop (0.5 mile)**

A portion of the upper loop follows an old railroad grade, which was used to haul logs out of the forest prior to the 1933 Wolf Creek Fire. The trail crosses a small stream and drops back down near Rock Creek before climbing a series of stairs. After a gentle ascent, the trail levels off under the planted forest canopy. Cross another small stream, and keep right to return to Springboard Loop.



Pacific chorus frog

# Tillamook **Treasures**



Early loggers used springboards inserted into a notch of the tree trunk as a platform on which to stand as they wielded their long crosscut saw. The springboards elevated loggers above the shrubby undergrowth, gave them a level place to stand, and allowed them to cut above the widest part of the tree's trunk. These notches are visible today in old, large stumps.

## **Be Prepared**

- Let someone know your plans
- Lock your vehicle
- Read trailhead signs

#### **Protect the Forest**

- Stay on designated trails
- Pack it in, pack it out







#### For More Information

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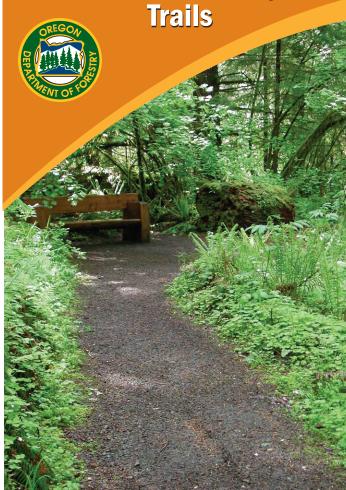
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## \*\*CAUTION\*\*

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.



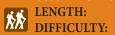
Tillamook State Forest TRAIL GUIDE **Four County Point** & Steam Donkey





LENGTH: 1.0 mile
DIFFICULTY: Moderate

**Steam Donkey Trail** 



0.8 mile

## TRAIL INFORMATION

#### **Trailhead Access**

## **Four County Point Trailhead**

This trailhead is located off of Highway 26 approximately 39 miles west of Portland in the Tillamook State Forest. Look for a brown trailhead sign on the north side of the highway. Parking is available along the wide, paved shoulder area. To find the trailhead walk east and turn north onto an old road, which turns into a trail leading down to the forest.

## **Steam Donkey Trailhead**

Follow Highway 26 to the Sunset Rest Area located between mileposts 28 and 29 in the Clatsop State Forest. Drive around the wayside to the large sign across from the restrooms. The interpretive trail begins at the bridge.

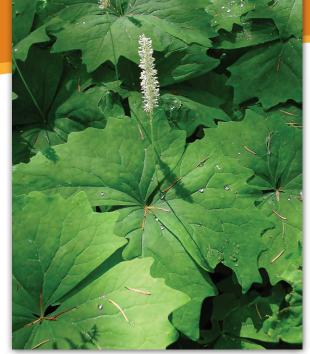
## **About the Trails**

Have you considered exploring the forest on your way to the beach? These two short trails are easily accessible from Highway 26 and are great for all ages.

## **Four County Point Trail**

This is the only place in Oregon where you can stand in four counties at the same time. On a granite monument 1.0 mile from the trailhead, you can step into the following counties: Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and Washington.

The trail winds through a Douglas-fir forest mixed with vine maple, salal, and sword fern. The main trail turns left and follows a bluff above North Fork Wolf Creek. The trail leads to a power line access road. Follow the road 125 feet, and look for the trail to dive



Vanilla Leaf

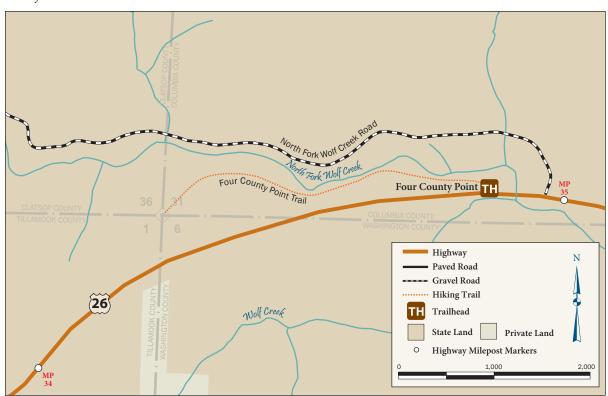
back into the forest at the top of the hill. To finish out the day, continue down the road to the Sunset Rest Area and hike the Steam Donkey interpretive trail.

# **Steam Donkey Trail**

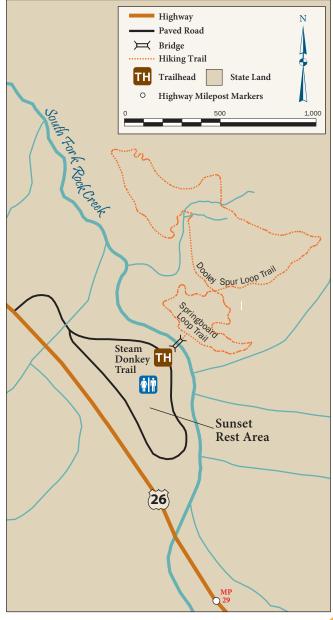
The Steam Donkey Trail is made up of two short loops in the form of a figure eight: Springboard Loop and Dooley Spur Loop.

## Springboard Loop (0.3 mile)

Walk along this easy interpretive trail and take a trip back in time, when steam power was in full swing. Begin this walk by crossing the bridge over South Fork Rock Creek. Stay right and follow the trail as it meanders into the forest. A sign explains the operation



**Four County Point Trail** 



**Steam Donkey Trail**