

### **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 condition

### **Drive Safely**

Always use caution when driving on single-lane gravel roads in the forest. Drive slowly and watch for log and dump truck traffic. Remember; the Clatsop is a working forest. And always be prepared for changing trail and weather conditions, steep terrain and loose rock.





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# Clatsop State Forest

## Trail Guide

### Highway 30

Gnat Creek Campground and Trails



Astoria District













A beautiful place for a day hike; the Gnat Creek Trail begins at the Gnat Creek Campground. The one and a half mile trail, a native dirt pathway, winds through a lush green forest. Surrounded by large Sitka spruce and western hemlock trees, this trail brings you up close to this coastal forest setting. Views of Gnat Creek itself are plenty, the clear waters of the stream are beautiful. The second segment of the trail, two miles, begins at the Gnat Creek Fish Hatchery. This section is particularly popular with Mountain Bikers. A tributary to the mighty Columbia River, Gnat Creek, hosts several salmon and steelhead runs, attracting anglers throughout the year. Native trout are also present, but are catch and release only.

Access: Travel Highway 30 to Milepost 78. Follow signs to the campground and/or fish hatchery. Campground access is approximately 15 miles east of Astoria, OR.

