



## **Diamond Peak Scramble Summit**

**Date:** TBD

**Route:** South Ridge

**Elevation:** 8,744 ft.    **Elevation Gain:** 3,809 ft.

**Distance:** 11.2 miles

**Classification:** Unrated (U) Scramble

**Leader:** Cathy Lazarus

**Assistant Leader:** Linda Bedard



a rock cairn (marking the Rockpile Lake junction), and then turn right for half a mile to an x-shaped junction, and turn left on the Pacific Crest Trail. We'll follow the PCT for 1.2 miles, and then, at the rock cairn, leave the trail and veer left up the rocky, open ridge. We'll follow the ridge and the cairns to the false summit (0.4 miles from the summit). We'll continue along the rocky hogsback ridge, over and around gendarmes, then climb up a cinder pile to Diamond Peak's summit. We'll carefully descend the ridge and return the way we came.

**Driving Directions:**

About 145 miles one-way from Salem. Approximately 3 hrs from Salem to the trailhead without stops. Sullivan's Hiking Guide to the Central Oregon Cascades describes the driving directions - Drive south on I-5 past Springfield and take Hwy 58 eastward toward Oakridge. Drive toward Oakridge. Take Willamette Hwy 58 east of Oakridge 1.8 miles. Turn south at "Hills Creek Dam" sign between mileposts 37 and 38. After half a mile bear right onto Road 21 and follow this paved route 29.2 miles. Beyond Indigo Springs Campground 0.4 mile, turn left on gravel Pioneer Gulch Road 2149 for 3.5 miles and turn right on Rockpile Road 2160 for 2.3 miles. Ignore the Pioneer Gulch trailhead and continue to a sign on the left marking the Rockpile trail. Park on the road's wide, right-hand shoulder 200 feet beyond and walk back to start the hike.

**\*\*Important note:** There are other ways to get to the trailhead, but these are nearly impassible, even with high clearance 4x4 vehicles. We highly recommend closely following the driving directions that have been outlined above.

**Itinerary:**

6:45 AM: Arrive at Rockpile Trailhead

7:00 AM: Begin hike at 5,390 ft.

8:15 AM: After 2.5 miles we will hit the Rockpile Lake junction (~6,060 ft).

9:30 AM: Turn off of the PCT and begin to ascend to the ridge.

12:15 PM: Summit

12:45 PM: Begin the descent

3:30 PM: Back to Rockpile Lake junction

4:30 PM: Arrive at Rockpile Trailhead

**Special Considerations:**

A Northwest Forest Pass is NOT required for parking. Wilderness permits are required for both day use and overnight stays from June 15th to October 15th. Free permits are self-issued at the trailhead.

There are camping possibilities the evening before. [Indigo Springs Campground](#) (3 tent sites), [Sacandaga Campground](#) (17 tent sites)

**Weather:**

<https://www.mountain-forecast.com/peaks/Diamond-Peak-Oregon/forecasts/2665>

<https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-122.14726022131644&lat=43.52358205553301>

Be prepared for wind on the summit ridge. If the weather is questionable, we'll make a decision on whether to go or not on TBD at the latest. A back up date will be TBD. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy (458-223-0422).

### **Emergency Contacts:**

Middle Fork Ranger District, 541-782-2283 or Willamette National Forest, 541-225-6300 or Lane County Sheriff Office, 541-682-4150

### **Packing List:**

- Ten essentials (map, compass, whistle, personal first-aid, food, water, sunblock/chapstick, sunglasses, matches/candle/fire starter, headlamp & spare batteries, socks/gloves/hat, emergency blanket/bivy, pocket knife)
- Lunch and snacks
- Water (2-3L)
- Mosquito repellent/headnet for area near Rockpile Lake
- Trekking poles (optional but useful)
- Helmet
- Light-weight hiking boots or approach shoes
- Gaiters (optional but will keep scree/dust out of your socks)
- Synthetic/wool socks
- Synthetic shirt
- Hiking pants
- Hat (warm & sun)
- Lightweight gloves or mittens
- Jacket (warm)
- Windproof/waterproof layers

### **Link to 2024 photos**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/kVWCnyry4dSCpQae6>

### **Team and Emergency Contacts**

1. Cathy Lazarus (Leader)
2. Linda Bedard (Assistant Leader)

### **Diamond Peak Map**



