

Trailhead access on the Corvallis to the Sea Trail (C2C) — Philomath to Harlan

A permit is required to hike on the Old Peak Road section of the trail. The permit is free, good for one year, and may be obtained from Starker Forests Offices at 7240 SW Philomath Blvd., Corvallis, 97333
Mon – Fri 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: 541-929-2477

Corvallis Starting Point - Shawala Point Park, confluence of the Mary's and Willamette Rivers

Parking is available next to the park and in the SW 5th Street and “B” Street neighborhood, a few blocks from Shawala Point Park and the trailhead access. However, City of Corvallis parking ordinance (6.10.040.040 (4)) prohibits parking for more than 48 hours.

For hikers starting at Shawala Point Park, camping is possible at Mary's River Grange on Grange Hall Road. Contact MRG at 541-829-2907 or marysrivergrange@gmail.com to make arrangements. We suggest a \$5 donation for this service.

Benton County Fairgrounds Trailhead Parking

Parking overnight at Benton County Fairgrounds is possible in the south gravel parking lot near the corner of 53rd Street and Reservoir Road. To avoid ticketing by the Sheriff's Office for an abandoned car, leave a note on the dash board that you are hiking the C2C Trail and your return date—or notify the Sheriff's non-emergency line, 541-766-6858. Alternatively, if you want to leave your car parked overnight inside the paved and fenced Fairgrounds, there is a charge of \$10/night and it is only by advanced arrangement with the Fairgrounds staff, <https://www.bceventcentercorvallis.net/> or 541-766-6521. Tent camping is available in the Fairgrounds' Oak Grove from Memorial Day through Labor Day, except during county fair. Tent spaces are \$25 per night with a 5-night maximum stay.

City of Philomath Parking

Long-term parking (not longer than 120 hours (5-days)) is allowed on public streets in Philomath (Ordinance 10.10.050.G.2) at several places proximate to the trail route.

Old Peak Road

At the west end of Philomath at “Y” junction of Highways 20 and 34, **go left** onto Highway 34 for 1 mile. Turn right onto Old Peak Road. There is no parking access on Old Peak Road. Hikers can start there, or be driven about 4 miles where they can be dropped off at a gate. There is no vehicle access beyond the gate. This is a good place to begin a through hike from the east side if the hiker wishes to avoid urban traffic areas.

Hiker and bicyclist use of the gated portion of Old Peak Road requires a permit be obtained in person from Starker Forests Offices at 7240 SW Philomath Blvd., Corvallis, 97333 Mon – Fri 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Phone: 541-929-2477. The permit is free and good for one year.

Lower North Ridge Trailhead

At the west end of Philomath at the “Y” junction of Highways 20 and 34, **go right** onto Highway 20 for 2 miles. At Milepost 48 turn left onto Woods Creek Road. Drive 6 miles on Woods Creek Road. At Milepost 6 there is parking on the left.

Option 1: Old Peak Road

Old Peak Road is beyond the gate to the left. It is a four-mile hike to the “lower gate.”

Option 2: Lower North Ridge Trail (2.2 miles) starts at the kiosk 100-feet to the right of the gate.

The trail parallels Woods Creek Road to the North Ridge Trailhead.

Option 3: Lower North Ridge Trail from North Ridge Trailhead

Continue driving 2 more miles west up Woods Creek Road. Park and walk around the gate. North Ridge Trail up Marys Peak starts about 100 yards beyond the gate up to the right. Lower North Ridge Trail starts beyond that to the left.

Sugar Bowl Creek Trail from North Ridge Trail parking area

From North Ridge Trail hike or drive 4 miles west on gravel roads, continuing west on Woods Creek Road. In about 4 miles you'll be in Lincoln County where the road is called Shot Pouch Trail Road. Shot Pouch Trail Road ends at the junction with Shot Pouch Road. Go left uphill onto Shot Pouch Road for ½ mile. *

Sugar Bowl Creek Trail from Burnt Woods

Drive west on Highway 20 from the “Y” to Burnt Woods for 17 miles. At Burnt Woods, Milepost 33, turn left onto Harlan Road. About a mile south from Burnt Woods Store turn left onto Shot Pouch Road. At the junction with Shot Pouch Trail Road at Milepost 4 go right uphill on Shot Pouch Road for 0.5 mile. *

*At the top of Shot Pouch Road there are four roads we call “The 4-Way.” There are pullouts that can be used for parking. Do not block the gate. C2C is marked and straight ahead, going slightly downhill to the west. Walk around the gate and continue on the road for a little over 1 mile. At that point the C2C Sugarbowl Creek Trail turns down to the left. At the bottom the trail is on road, continuing west for 1¼ mile to Harlan Road. Continue west on Harlan Road for 5 miles to Big Elk Campground.

Sugar Bowl Creek Trail from Harlan

Drive west on Highway 20 from the “Y” to Burnt Woods for 17 miles. At Burnt Woods, Milepost 33, turn left onto Harlan Road. Drive 8 miles to Harlan. At Harlan turn left onto the Harlan/Marys Peak Road for 3.5 miles. There is a gate on the left. Park near the gate, but do not block it, and walk east to the Sugar Bowl Creek Trail.

Big Elk Campground

Drive west on Highway 20 from the “Y” to Burnt Woods for 17 miles. At Burnt Woods, Milepost 33, turn left onto Harlan Road. Drive 8 miles to Harlan. At Harlan turn right onto Elk City Road. Drive 1½ miles to Big Elk Campground, which is on the left.

About Big Elk Campground

Big Elk Campground is operated by the Harlan Community under a permit from the Siuslaw National Forest. At Big Elk Campground a campsite with a picnic table, water spigot, and fire pit is available just for hikers and bicyclists. There is a creek for wading, water from a well, pit toilets, and firewood can be purchased. There is a fee of \$5 per hiker or biker per night. Motor vehicle campsites are available if they are not in use. If everything is full, try to share the C2C Trail campsite or ask about an overflow area for hikers or bicyclists. There is no trash disposal: pack it in, pack it out. Little water is available at other locations along the entire trail. Fill-up here! Water is often turned off during winter to prevent pipes freezing, but the creek is near.