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Smith Rock State Park

Trail Guide

Smith Rock State Park protects a sanctuary of majestic rock spires that rise above the winding Crooked River in central Oregon's high desert. It is an internationally renowned destination for rock climbing.

Climbing the Wall

Rock climbers have hundreds of routes to choose from. Some are extremely difficult. All climbers should have a strong understanding of their own abilities and limitations, and must take responsibility for their own safety.

Climbers are encouraged to use "clean" techniques and equipment, such as chocks and camming devices. However, permanent anchors have been placed on some routes where inadequate cracks or other natural depressions in the rock prevent the use of such techniques and equipment. In those cases, climbers should use fixed bolts. To protect the integrity of the natural rock structures, avoid chipping the climbing holds or placing new bolts. Permanent and fixed protection and anchors should be camouflaged as much as possible.

Bivouac Area

A walk-in bivouac area serves visitors who want to stay overnight. Park your vehicles in the bivouac parking area and hike 200 yards west to the tent campsites. RV camping, sleeping in vehicles, and open fires are strictly prohibited.



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Geologic Wonderland

The dramatic appearance of the park area is a testament to the cumulative force of vulcanism and the erosive power of running water. Millions of years ago this area was a major center of volcanic activity. After a period of localized eruptions, lava flows entered the canyon and crowded the ancestral river into the flanks of the main volcanic structure. Forced to establish a new channel, the Crooked River eventually eroded the interior of the volcanic vent. The wondrous and multicolored formations are composed of rock known as "welded tuff"—volcanic ash erupted under conditions of extreme heat and pressure.

Trail Network

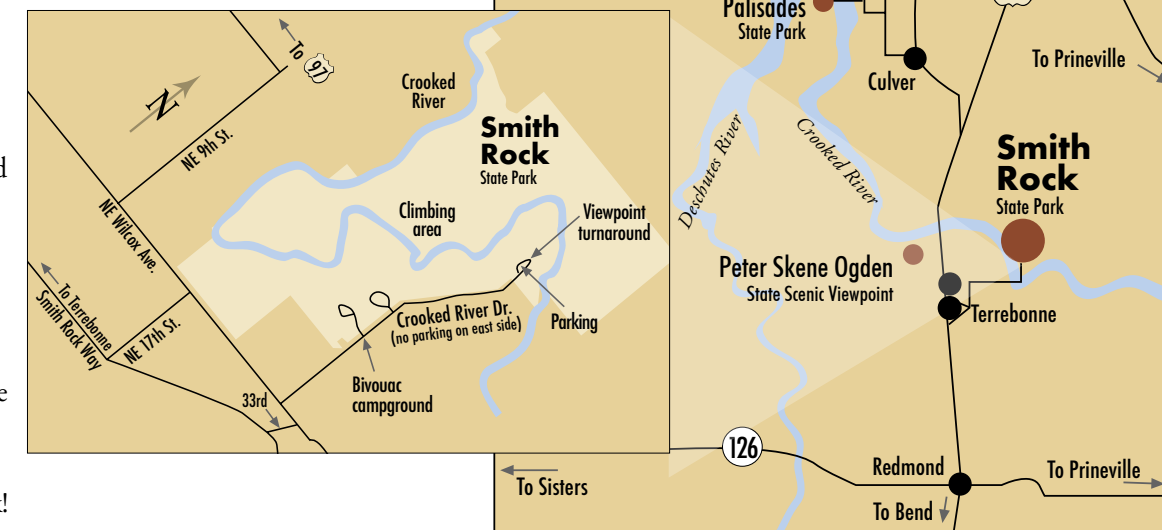
Several miles of developed trails access the top of Misery Ridge and parallel the popular rock climbing areas of the Christian Brothers, the Dihedrals, and Morning Glory Wall. Asterisk Pass is a "rock scramble."

Please stay on established trails to minimize the effects of foot traffic on delicate soil structure and native vegetation. Sloped areas in the park are especially sensitive to damage. In this region of scarce rainfall, it takes many years for nature to heal damaged or disturbed areas.

Wildlife Viewing

Wildlife is abundant, particularly deer and small mammals. Birds cavort on the rocks and use ledges and overhangs for their homes. Geese nest along the river in the spring. Watch for warning signs about nests inhabited by birds of prey. Please stay away from these areas to avoid disturbing the adults and their young.

Be alert for rattlesnakes in the remote areas of the park!



Park Information:

1-800-551-6949

www.oregonstateparks.org

A Fun Place to Learn

Regular interpretive presentations and special events help adults and youngsters learn about the park's rich natural history. In September and October, the park is a prime setting for Oregon Archaeology Celebration activities.

Day-Use Area Fees

Day-use parking permits are required year-round. You may purchase a daily permit from a yellow vending machine near the park entrance. Twelve-month and 24-month permits are sold by Smith Rock park hosts, at major state park offices and by selected area merchants. Your camping receipt also is accepted as a daily permit for the days you are registered.

- Composting toilet
- Shower
- Restroom
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Walk-in tent Camping
- Horseback riding
- Bike trail
- Phone
- Information
- Viewpoint
- Day-use fee machine
- Rock Climbing

- Horse Trail
- Trails (no horses)
- Secondary trail (difficult, no horses)
- Walkways & sidewalk

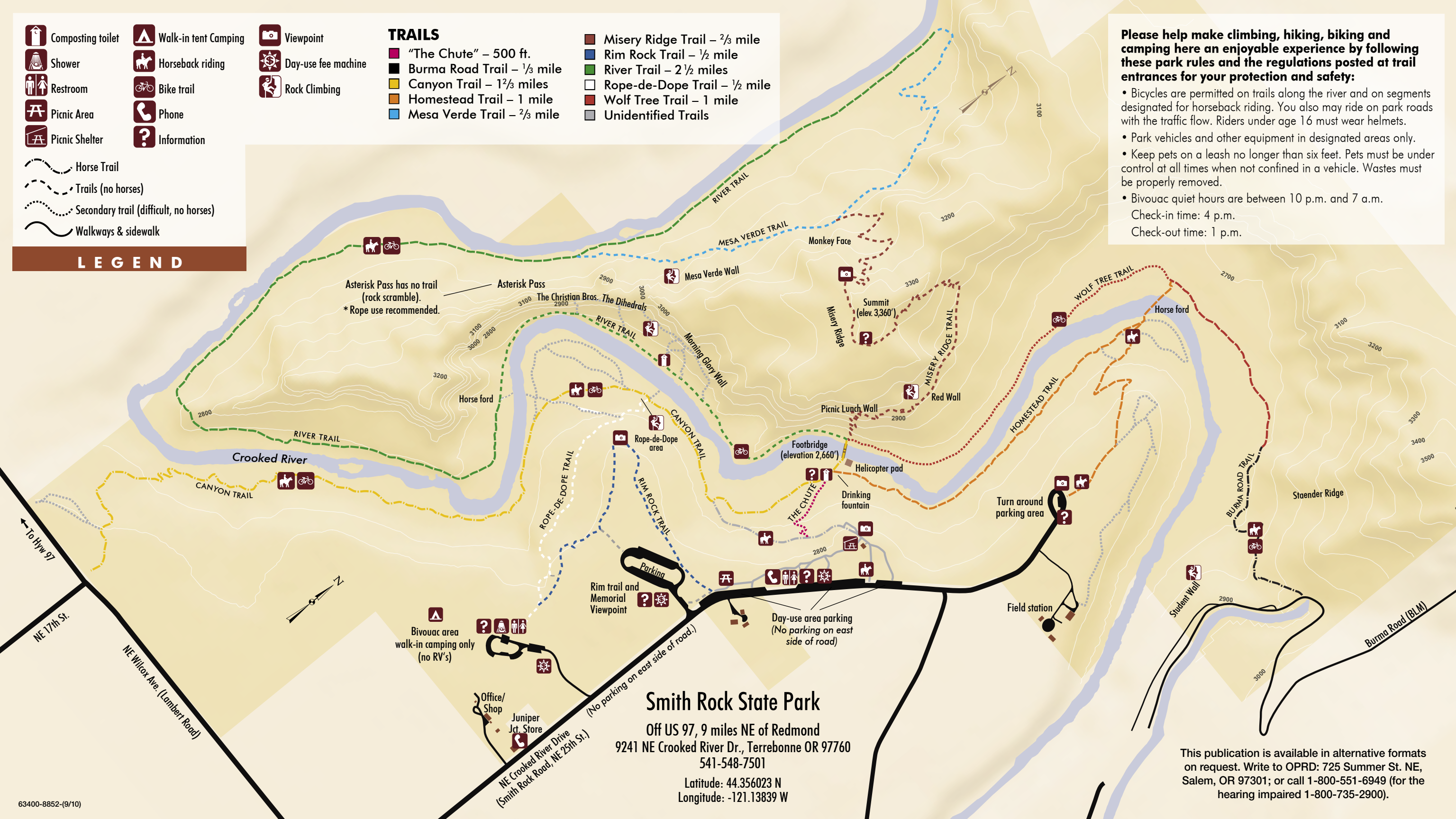
TRAILS

- "The Chute" – 500 ft.
- Burma Road Trail – 1/3 mile
- Canyon Trail – 1 2/3 miles
- Homestead Trail – 1 mile
- Mesa Verde Trail – 2/3 mile
- Misery Ridge Trail – 2/3 mile
- Rim Rock Trail – 1/2 mile
- River Trail – 2 1/2 miles
- Rope-de-Dope Trail – 1/2 mile
- Wolf Tree Trail – 1 mile
- Unidentified Trails

Please help make climbing, hiking, biking and camping here an enjoyable experience by following these park rules and the regulations posted at trail entrances for your protection and safety:

- Bicycles are permitted on trails along the river and on segments designated for horseback riding. You also may ride on park roads with the traffic flow. Riders under age 16 must wear helmets.
 - Park vehicles and other equipment in designated areas only.
 - Keep pets on a leash no longer than six feet. Pets must be under control at all times when not confined in a vehicle. Wastes must be properly removed.
 - Bivouac quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Check-in time: 4 p.m.
Check-out time: 1 p.m.

LEGEND



Smith Rock State Park

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