

Garfield Peak Trail

Time: 2.5 hours

Difficulty: Difficult

Length: 1.7 mi (2.74 km)

Elevation: 7090 - 7976 ft (2161 - 2431 m)

Trailhead coordinates:

Latitude: N +42° 54.57 or 42.934217

Longitude: W -122° 08.41 or -122.14020

Altitude: 7090 ft (2161 m)

Highlight: Panorama of surrounding area, excellent views of Crater Lake, occasional small animals, wildflowers, and an overhead view of Phantom Ship

Trail Description

This is the one of the most popular hiking trails, primarily due to its close proximity to the Rim Village and Crater Lake Lodge. There are spectacular panoramic views of the entire lake and other high cascades features to the north and to the south the Klamath Basin and southern Cascade features.

The trail leads eastward contouring the ridge above Crater Lake. The track turns northward one half mile from the trailhead and begins to climb. It ascends the northwestern ridge of Garfield Peak then turns eastward. Gaining the northern ridge crest the route continues to climb to the 8,060-foot summit. Views from this lofty peak south of Crater Lake include the lake, Phantom Ship and terrain south. There is a good path to the top, but, be prepared for a difficult climb along this trail.

Trailhead location: East end of Rim Village. Walk behind Crater Lake Lodge along the paved promenade and continue upwards to a dirt trail. East of the Crater Lake Lodge, along the caldera rim

Nature Note: Hemlocks and some Shasta red fir trees dominate the bottom portion of the trail and the top comes to be dominated by Whitebark pines and subalpine firs. Rocky slopes along the trail are home to American pikas and yellow-bellied marmots.

Seasonal Information: Expect the trail to be covered in snow from October to early July, however, conditions vary somewhat from year to year. The top portion of the trail may be covered in snow until late-July. See Crater Lake Current Conditions for more information.

Garfield Peak Trail Elevation Profile



