

# Forest Service News



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**Umpqua National Forest**

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## **National Forests: People Serving Families**

**ROSEBURG, Oregon—June 3, 2003**—Looking for that perfect opportunity to take a break from your busy schedule, to hit the great outdoors and reconnect with your family?

The weekend of June 7 and 8 promises numerous possibilities nationwide as outdoor enthusiasts come together to celebrate National Trails Day and National Fishing and Boating Week. The USDA Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest is chipping in.

Join over a million people on Saturday, which is National Trails Day, and visit your favorite trail or surprise your family with a new adventure and explore that trail you have been meaning to get to for some time now. Saturday is sure to offer something for every family looking for a good old-fashioned outing. There are a number of adventures to explore on the Umpqua National Forest.

Come and bicycle one of the Pacific Northwest's best bike paths around Diamond Lake. If you prefer to paddle, bring your kayak or canoe and circle the lake. And don't forget that it is **Free Fishing Day** as well. Bring your cameras and binoculars, because there are birds, wildlife, plants, wildflowers, and breathtaking scenery to view. There are numerous trails of varying difficulty and lengths to hike throughout the forest.

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Headquarters for the Diamond Lake Ranger District Trails Day will be set up in the shelter area at the South Shore Picnic Area at Diamond Lake. The forest has designated free camping in the Broken Arrow Campground for Trail Day participants.

The district also reports that the Diamond Lake Resort, South Shore Pizza Parlor, and Diamond Lake R. V. Park are all open for business.

“In conjunction with these national celebrations, the Forest Service of the Pacific Northwest Region is happy to offer Saturday, June 7 as a no-fee day at all Northwest Forest Pass sites,” says the agency’s Laurie Thorpe, who works with the recreation fee demonstration project in the Northwest.

The following are Northwest Forest Pass fee sites on Umpqua National Forest where parking is free on Saturday, June 7th:

- Umpqua Hot Springs
- Howlock Mountain Trail
- Mt Thielson Trail
- Windigo Pass Trail
- South Shore Picnic Area at the Diamond Lake complex
- North Ramp and South Shore boat launches at the Diamond Lake complex
- Poole Creek Boat Ramp at the Lemolo complex

For additional information regarding Diamond Lake activities, contact Mike Kinney at 541-498-2531. If you are interested in recreational pass information call 1-800-270-7504 or go online to [www.naturenw.org](http://www.naturenw.org). For information regarding **Free Fishing Weekend**, visit Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife’s web site at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/>. For information on other hiking opportunities, visit [www.AmericanHiking.org](http://www.AmericanHiking.org).

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