



Willamette National Forest



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People planning to hike the Obsidian Trail located within the Willamette National Forest need to be aware of that a closure is in effect for Scott Mountain fire, blocking access to the Obsidian Trailhead.

According to officials, Oregon Department of Transportation has currently closed a portion of Oregon State Highway 242 from White Branch gate up to Dee Wright Observatory, which includes the Obsidian Trailhead.

The narrow, winding road is a primary access point for firefighters working on the Scott Mountain Fire and is closed to all non-fire traffic due to safety concerns.

The Obsidian Limited Entry Area remains open via alternate access points. The closest access point to reach the Obsidian area is the Lava Camp Trailhead east of Dee Wright Observatory.

Highway 242 will be reopened as soon as possible. Permit holders are advised to check with the Willamette National Forest web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette> or call the McKenzie River Ranger District at 541-822-2281 prior to departing to find out the current closure status.

“District personnel are attempting to notify as many hikers as possible to make them aware of the closure and detour”, said Mckenzie River District Ranger, Mary Allison. “Safety is always our number one concern and we appreciate everyone’s understanding for any inconvenience this may cause.

The closure is in effect now and will run at least through Labor Day weekend.

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