



About the Trail

From the trailhead to the river, it is fairly steep and slippery when wet. **Watch your step!** The bridge across the North Fork of the Siletz River can also be slippery when it is wet or icy, including several steps leading to the bridge. The trail is approximately 1.3 miles long.

Caution: Many of these huge trees are on their last roots. Watch out for falling limbs and trees and avoid the area during winds. Hike the trails **at your own risk.**

Please stay on the trail: The Valley of the Giants is used for research and education about old-growth forests, which is why it is important to stay on the trail and not impact the soil, small animals, or plants.

All of the features of an old-growth forest – large standing and fallen trees, logs and stumps, understory plants, fungi and mosses, etc. – are alongside the trail. The picnic table (see map on other side) is the only point where you are permitted to leave the trail.

Private Lands and Gated Roads

Respect private property. Roads with gates are closed to public access when the gates are closed. Private lands surround the access to the Valley of the Giants, and can only be accessed with permission from the landowner. Please do not trespass.

Report Problems

Please report vandalism, trash dumping, or other crimes, or accidents to the Bureau of Land Management's Salem District Office or the Bureau of Land Management's statewide law enforcement reporting number at 1 (800) 333-7283. **In case of wildfire, call 911**

Directions to the Site

The written directions and the map on the reverse of this leaflet are designed to help you get to the Valley of the Giants by the safest, most direct route. However, this trip is not recommended for passenger cars or other vehicles with low clearances. Please heed the cautions listed below.

“Leave No Trace” Guidelines

- Valley of the Giants is a day-use area. Camping and fires are not allowed.
- Park only in the established lot. Stay on the trails; do not cut switch-backs. The loop trail within the Valley of the Giants is steep in places, but well maintained. It rates a “moderate” designation in terms of difficulty.
- If you “**pack it in, pack it out!**” . . . plus a bit more. Trash pickup costs time and money better spent on other efforts. Picking up trash left by less thoughtful people can be your contribution to maintaining the scenic beauty of a place you enjoy – Your Public Lands!
- Control pets at all times. They can be harmful to wildlife and vegetation as well as an annoyance to others.
- Toilets are not available. Body waste should be buried in a hole off the trail 6 to 12 inches deep at least 100 feet from streams.



Watch Out For:

- Log trucks on single lane, steep, twisting roads, with turnouts. Keep your headlights on and don't cut corners or swing out on curves.
- Washouts and rocks in the road; (mostly encountered in the winter.)
- Road closures during high fire danger, usually in late summer and fall. Roads may be closed at any time for any reason.

For up-to-date road information, call the Bureau of Land Management's Salem District Office at (503) 375-5646.

District Contact Information

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Valley of the Giants

Outstanding Natural Area

BLM

Salem District



Welcome to Valley of the Giants

Some of the largest Douglas-firs and hemlocks in the Oregon Coast Range are located in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Valley of the Giants. Many of the trees are 20 feet in circumference, 200 feet tall, and 400 to 450 years old. The largest, at 35 feet in circumference and 600 years old, blew down in a windstorm in 1981. It was believed to be the second-largest Douglas-fir tree in Oregon.

In the 1970's, the increasing rarity of exceptionally large trees generated public concern for their protection. In 1976, the BLM protected the 51 acre site known as Valley of the Giants, by designating it as an Outstanding Natural Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern. It is used heavily by researchers and educators.



Getting There

Use these directions AND the map to the right, to find your way. Although the Valley of the Giants is only 14 air miles from Falls City, Oregon, rough, narrow, winding roads make it a slow 30-mile trip. Allow at least 90 minutes. The road is closed during wildfire season.

For road information: call BLM's Salem District at (503) 375-5646.

Begin at Falls City, 5 miles southwest of Dallas, and 22 miles west of Salem. [See map] Odometers vary, so mileages given are approximate. Cumulative mileage figures look like this: [12.3]. A road fork is called a "Y". A letter (ie: [F]), corresponds to the letter on the map) identifies key decisions. Small orange "VOG" signs help guide you; follow them when you see them.

In Falls City, turn left on Bridge Street and cross the bridge. Set your trip meter to "0" at the Falls City Post Office, or note your odometer reading. The pavement ends 0.6 miles past the post office. Stay on the main, most-traveled road. Drive approximately 15 miles (mi.) until you come to an intersection [A]. You will pass through a gate at 1.6 mi., a "Y" at 4.6 mi. - (go right), and another gate at 6.4 mi. Gates are usually open except during fire season.

Continue on the main gravel road for approximately 1 mile to a "Y" [B]; bear right. You are driving around Valsetz Lake. Drained years ago, the lake bed has filled in with trees and brush.

Drive 2.5 mi. to "Y" [C]; bear right. (You are now past the old lake. There is a small marsh on your left.) [18.7] Continue on, passing through a rock quarry.

After 1.7 mi., look for a guardrail bridge and gate on your right [D]. Do not cross it - bear left, keeping the river on your right. [20.4]

Travel 2.9 mi. to a concrete bridge [E]; cross it. [23.3]

Go 0.5 mi. to a "Y" [F]. Keep right on the lower road. [23.8]

Travel 0.1 mi. to a wood trestle bridge [G]; cross it. [23.9]

Go 0.3 mi. to another "Y" [H]; go right (uphill). (Road #100, through gate) [24.2]

Go 0.4 mi. to another "Y" [I]; go left. [24.6]

Go another 1.2 mi., cross a metal trestle bridge [J]; do not turn right. [25.8]

Go 1.9 mi. and cross a guardrail bridge [K] continue straight. [27.7]

Go 1.5 mi. to an intersection, passing through a gate after about 1 mi. [L]; go straight. [29.2]

Go 0.1 mi. to a concrete bridge [M]; cross it and go straight. [29.3]

Go 0.3 mi. more to a 2nd concrete bridge [N]; cross it. [29.6]

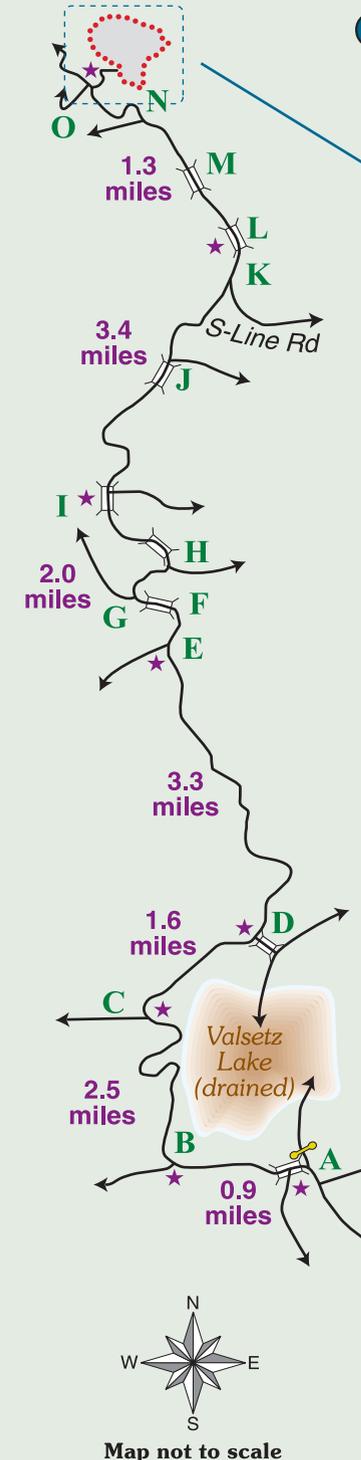
After 1.1 mi., come to a "Y" [O] & go right. [30.7]

Go 0.4 mi. before coming to the Valley of the Giants trailhead and parking area on your right. [31.5]

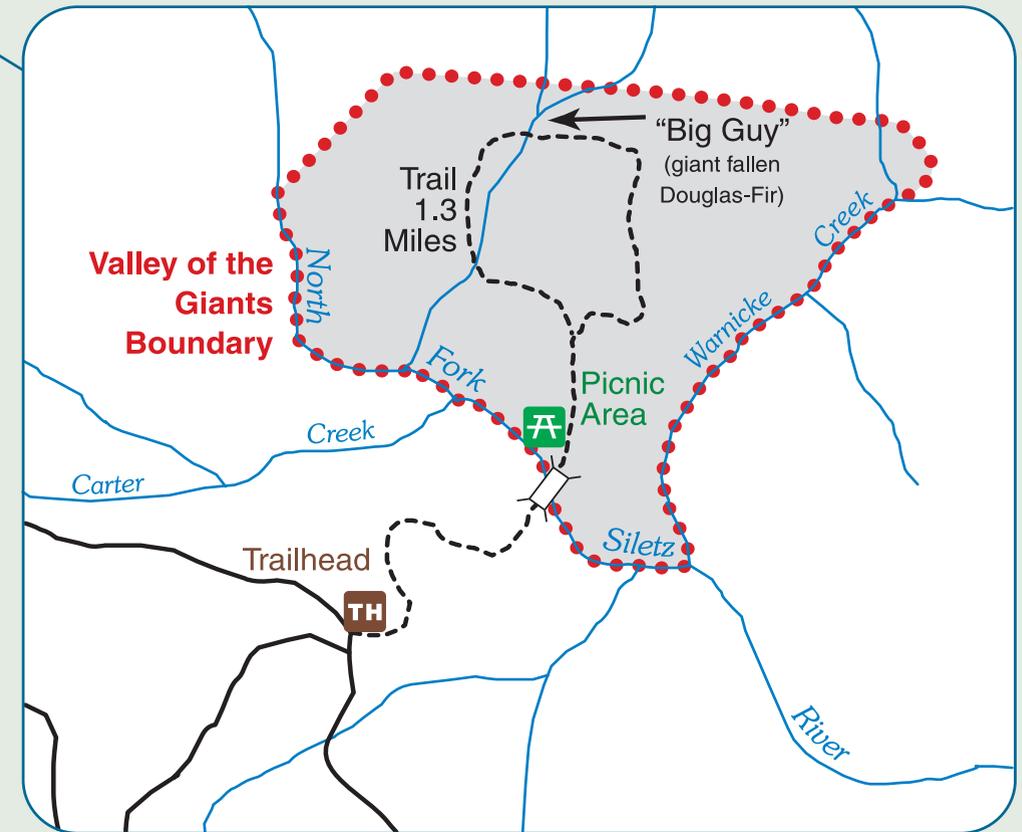
Getting back: Reset your trip meter to "0", and carefully retrace your trip.

In general, stay on the road that stays parallel to the rivers.

Valley of the Giants



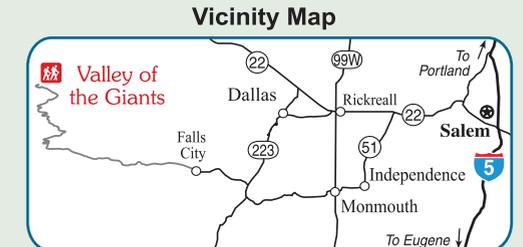
VALLEY OF THE GIANTS OUTSTANDING NATURAL AREA



Legend

- ★ 16 miles ★ Mileage Between Markers
- Road (continues)
- ⌈ Bridge
- ⌋ Gate

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Please Note: The first 27 miles of this trip are on private roads. It is only through the continued goodwill of the private land owner that the public has the opportunity to visit the Valley of the Giants.

