Route: North Fork/Farewell Loop

Distance: 10 miles

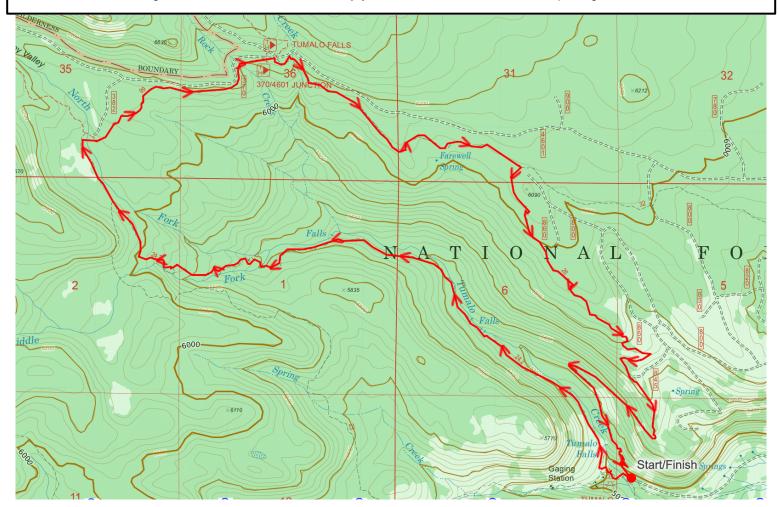
Difficulty: Moderate - Good footing, decent elevation gain over 4 miles.

Surface: 100% singletrack on smooth (with a few rocks and roots)

Uses: Bikes(one way uphill on N Fork trail), Pedestrians.

Route Directions:

The Tumalo Falls Trailhead can be found by taking Skyliner Drive all the way to it's terminus. Travel from Bend 10 miles west, cross Tumalo Creek and bear left where the road turns to gravel, proceed another 3 miles to the trailhead. From the Tumalo Falls parking area head up to Tumalo Falls, take in the view and then continue on the North Fork Trail until you arrive at Happy Valley after 4 miles. At the signpost in Happy Valley you'll take a right turn and cross a bridge over Tumalo Creek. Continue on the Metolius-Windigo Trail for about 2 miles. When the trail hits the road take an immediate right turn onto Mrazek Trail. After going another mile take the right turn onto Farewell Trail and enjoy the 3 mile descent back to the parking area.



Trail Description:

Tumalo Falls is a must see Bend destination, therefore, it is extremely popular on summer weekends. However most sightseers will stop after ¼ mile at the falls and return to the parking lot. What they don't know is that there are 4 more beautiful falls in old growth forest as you accend the North Fork Trail to Happy Valley. You won't see many people on this loop but it is popular with mountain bikers doing larger loops to Mrazek and Flagline. The North Fork Trail is uphill only with bikers so you don't have to worry about anyone bombing down the trail. Once you're on Metolius-Windigo you'll be on rolling singletrack through mixed conifer forest. This high up there will most likely be snow well into June so plan accordingly. After making the turn onto Farewell Trail it's an easy 3 mile descent to the parking lot.

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