



Driving Directions

We recommend following Google maps to “North Fork Rd., Lyons, OR.” After this point you will lose cell service. Please follow the directions below when coming to Opal Creek. Typical driving times to Opal Creek are: from Salem, 1.5 hr.; from Portland or Eugene, 2 ½ hrs.; from Bend, 2.5-3 hrs.

From 1-5:

- Take Exit 253 for Hwy 22 (Stayton/Detroit)
- Turn east onto Hwy 22. Continue for approximately 22 miles.
- **Turn left/north** onto North Fork Rd- at the second flashing yellow light. On the right hand side of the road you will see the North Fork Crossing Restaurant.
- **You are now out of cell range. The Opal Creek Trailhead is at the very end of this road, a total of 20 miles. This drive will take about 1 hour.**
- After 14 miles of pavement you will enter the Willamette National Forest where the road turns to gravel. You are now on Forest Road 2209.
- *Please note: Forest Service Road 2209 is gravel and maintained on an irregular basis by the US Forest Service. Expect to go no faster than 15-20 mph on this stretch of road.*
- After 1.5 -2 miles you will see a turn-off on the right towards Three Pools/Shady Cove. **Stay to the left** on Forest Road 2209.
- Continue another 4 miles to the Opal Creek/Jawbone parking area and trailhead.

From Bend, Hwy 97 or Hwy 20:

- Drive west on Hwy 22 to the town of **Lyons, OR.**
- Turn right/north onto North Fork Rd- at the first flashing yellow light. On the left hand side of the road you will see the North Fork Crossing Restaurant.
- **You are now out of cell range. The Opal Creek Trailhead is at the very end of this road, a total of 20 miles. This drive will take about 1 hour.**
- After 14 miles of pavement you will enter the Willamette National Forest where the road turns to gravel. You are now on Forest Road 2209.
- *Please note: Forest Service Road 2209 is gravel and maintained on an irregular basis by the US Forest Service. Expect to go no faster than 15-20 mph on this stretch of road.*
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Alternate Directions from Bend – summer months only:

- Drive west on Hwy 22 to the town of **Gates, OR**.
- Turn right/north onto Gates Hill Rd, which is located across from Gates General Store in Gates, OR.
- *Please note: Gates Hill is a 3-mile paved road with 16% grade both up and down, and is not maintained in the winter. Please drive with extra caution when using this road.*
- **Turn right** onto North Fork Rd.
- **You are now out of cell range. The Opal Creek Trailhead is at the very end of this road, a total of approximately 11 miles. This drive will take about 45 minutes.**
- After approx. 5 miles of pavement you will enter the Willamette National Forest where the road turns to gravel. You are now on Forest Road 2209.
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- After 1.5 -2 miles you will see a turn-off on the right towards Three Pools/Shady Cove. **Stay to the left** on Forest Road 2209.
- Continue another 4 miles to the Opal Creek/Jawbone parking area and trailhead.

At the Parking Area/Trail Head:

- Jawbone Flats is located 3.1 miles down the old gravel road past the gate.
- If you are staying with us and have scheduled in advance, your gear shuttle will meet you at the trailhead parking lot at your pre-arranged shuttle time.
- All able-bodied participants must hike the 3.1 miles from the gate to Jawbone Flats.