

Our hike up the Tam-a-lau Trail begins this Saturday, May 16, at 9:00 AM. Here is a short version of directions to the trailhead. These directions can be printed without consuming copious amounts of color ink.

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Drive north of Bend on Highway 97, through Redmond and Terrebonne. When you cross the Crooked River on the high “Rex Barber Bridge”, set your trip odometer to 0.0.

Mile 0.0: Highway 97 and the Rex T. Barber Bridge over the Crooked River Gorge

Mile 6.9: Turn left from Highway 97 towards Culver. Look for the sign that points to Culver and Round Butte Dam.

Mile 9.6: Turn left (in Culver) on “C” Street.

Mile 10.6: Turn right, at the stop sign, onto SW Feather Drive.

Mile 11.5: Turn left onto SW Fisch Drive. SW Fisch has curves. Remain on SW Fisch.

Mile 12.6: Turn left onto SW Jordan Drive at the “Cove Corner Store”.

Mile 12.9: Pass the entrance to Cove Palisades State Park. You will begin to see the canyon and Lake Billy Chinook.

Mile 14.6: Pass the sign, on your right, for Cove Palisades Marina.

Mile 16.8: Cross the suspension bridge over the Crooked River arm of Lake Billy Chinook.

Mile 18.9: Turn right at the sign “Upper Deschutes Day Use, Boat Ramp, Tam-a-lau Trailhead”. Pay to park here at the machine. Remember that it costs \$3.00 to park for the day here, unless you have a year-long State Parks Pass.

Mile 19.0 Turn right at “Single Car Parking”. DO NOT continue straight towards “Boat Trailer Parking”. The sign that says “Trailhead Parking” is actually incorrect. TURN RIGHT for 100 feet. This is where the trailhead restroom are !

Mike