



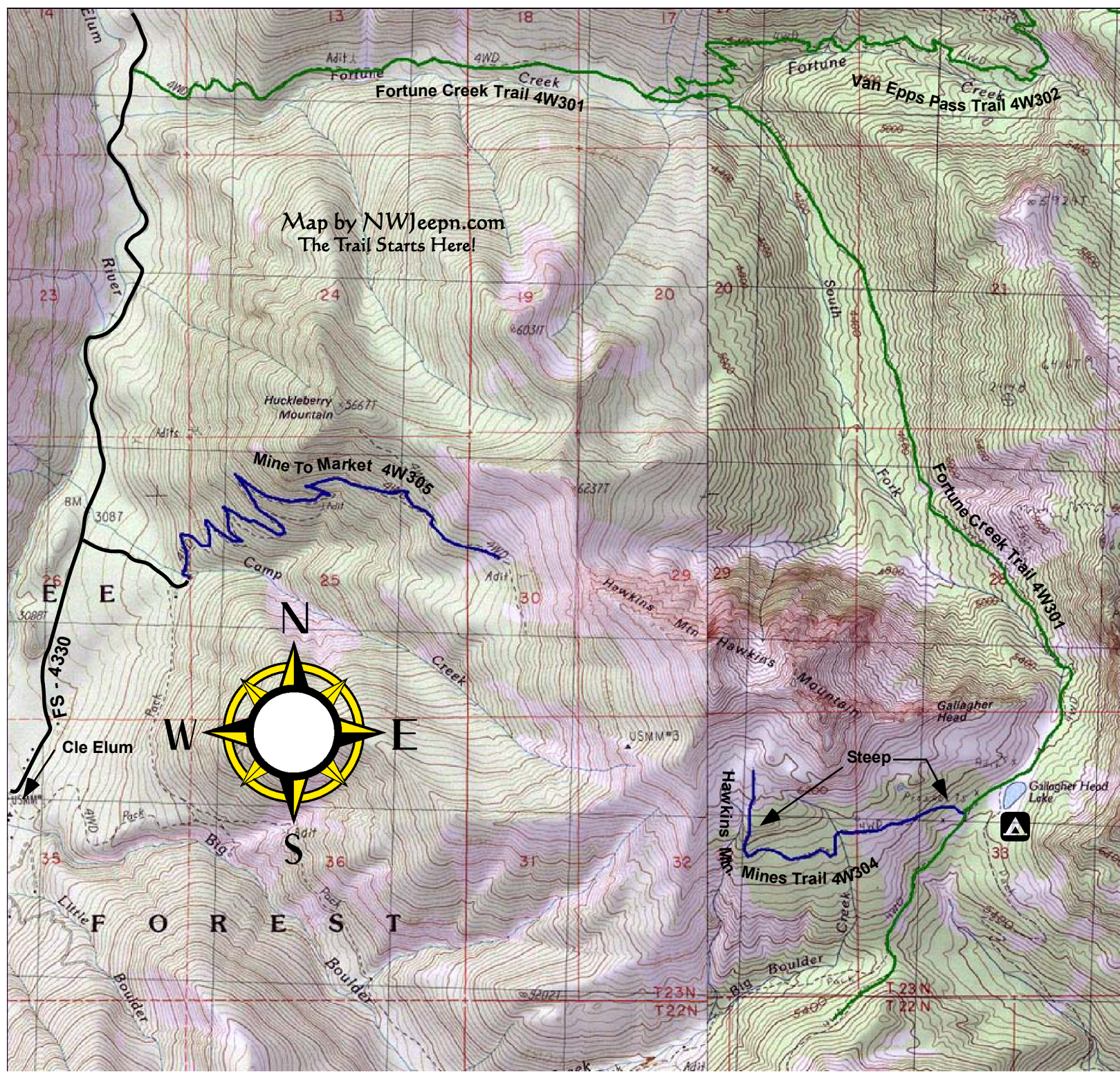


Fortune Creek Trail 4W301

Hawkins Mountain Mines Trail 4W304

Mine To Market Trail 4W305

-  Roads Paved/Gravel
-  4x4 Trail: Easy
-  4x4 Trail: More Difficult
-  Camping



Fortune Creek Trail 4W301

Distance: 6.5 miles

Running Time: Approx 2.0 - 2.5 hours one way

Difficulty: Easy

At almost 7 miles long the Fortune Creek Trail makes for a great day of wheelin'. Although not technically difficult this trail abounds with beautiful scenery. The best spot on the trail is at Gallagher Head Lake. There is a small primitive campground here that would be a great place to stay a night if you are so inclined.

Along the route you will find remnants of a by-gone era, mining machinery lays rusting away in some of the fields and if you keep a watchful eye you might even find a few mine entrances along the way.

This is a great trail and one we will be visiting again real soon. Make sure you have a GPS though as intersecting roads can confuse you along the way. There is one section that is actually a section of logging road that takes you to the next part of the trail. The trail past Gallagher Head Lake deteriorates a bit and crosses over some loose shale fields with drop offs that offer a long ride to the bottom if you should slide off the edge. The trail dead ends overlooking a valley at approximately 6.49 miles from the trail head.

Getting There: From Roslyn Washington follow hwy 903 north along Cle Elum Lake 15.75 miles to the Cayuse Campground and Salmon La Sac ranger station. The road narrows here and you might think you are in the campground and at a dead end, but keep going and turn right on FS4330, this is a gravel road. Once on FS4330 travel 6.74 miles and turn right onto the Fortune Creek Trail. As of June of 2005 the Trail was wrongly marked at the bottom as Trail 601. Further up the trail signs are correctly marked as 301

Hawkins Mountain Mines 4W304

Distance: 1.3 Miles

Running Time: Approximately .5 hour one way

Difficulty: Easy to More Difficult

The Hawkins Mountain Mine trail is a spur off of Trail 4W301 (Fortune Creek Trail). Although a fairly easy trail there are a few obstacles and hill climbs that will earn it a more difficult rating when wet. The trail is found by continuing on the Fortune Creek Trail just past Gallagher Lake. The trail was marked as of 2005 and spurs off to the right to climb steadily up Hawkins Mountain.

Along the way you will find mine tailings from long ago mining operations. The view from this trail is breathtaking and well worth the trip.

The 304 trail tops out at just over 6000 feet in a pristine meadow with a small waterfall coming off of the ridge. PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY! Do not rip up the meadow. For those interested in tent camping there is ample places to do so along the way as well as a primitive campground at Gallagher Lake.

Getting There: Follow instructions for the Fortune Creek Trail #301. Continue past Gallagher Lake and watch for the sign at the fork in the trail, follow the Hawkins Mountain Trail to the right.

Mine To Market Trail 4W305

Distance: 2.5 miles

Running Time: Approx. 1 to 1.5 hours one way

Difficulty: More Difficult

This old mining road winds it's way through switch back after switch back as it climbs to an elevation of over 5000 feet. Views from the trail are spectacular but be careful to keep your eyes and attention on the trail as some areas are very narrow and the rocks can be loose. At one of the switchbacks the rocks gave way under my left front tire and I found myself in a very precarious position at the edge of a steep drop off. Thank god for the winch.

At the top, the trail breaks out into some beautiful meadows with great views. We were unable to get all the way to the end as too many downed trees blocked the very end of the trail. A mine adit is shown on the Topo map but we were unable to locate it. For the most part this is a fairly forgettable trail. Outside of some really nice scenery there are other trails in the area that are much better.

Getting There: From Roslyn Washington follow hwy 903 north along Cle Elum Lake 15.75 miles to the Cayuse Campground and Salmon La Sac ranger station. The road narrows here and you might think you are in the campground and at a dead end, but keep going and turn right on FS4330, this is a gravel road. Upon turning onto FS4330, zero your odometer and procede 4.9 miles to a gravel road on the right. Follow this road .4 miles to the trail head, it is marked with a trail marker and will be straight ahead. Take the opportunity to park here for a minute and take a look behind you, the view is incredible. Not far into the trail you will bear to the left and cross a wooden bridge across a creek. After the bridge turn to the left and then immediately bear to the right to continue on the trail, else you will end up in a private driveway.