



INTRODUCTION

The Tillamook State Forest Trail Patrol program provides a means for private citizens to act as Trail Ambassadors for their chosen form of trail recreation by working with the Oregon Department of Forestry to educate forest visitors, enhance visitor safety, and participate in maintaining quality recreation trail opportunities.

GOALS

1. To work with the Oregon Department of Forestry to provide a high quality recreation experience in the Tillamook State Forest.
2. To provide information about recreation opportunities and to promote responsible trail use on the Tillamook State Forest.
3. To assist Oregon Department of Forestry in providing a friendly and recognizable presence on trails and in facilities used by the public.
4. To assist Oregon Department of Forestry in monitoring the condition of trails and facilities used by the public.
5. To provide a point of contact and initial response for the public in emergency situations such as accidents and medical emergencies.
6. To provide assistance to the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office in Search and Rescue operations.

I. SUPERVISION

1. Trail Patrollers, though volunteers, are representatives of the Oregon Department of Forestry and work under the direction of ODF Staff and Tillamook County Sheriff's Deputies.

II. PATROLLER QUALIFICATIONS

1. 18 years old.
(16 years old acceptable with completion of all required patrol training and if accompanied by a parent/guardian who is also a member of the Trail Patrol.)
2. Possesses a valid driver's license.
3. Operates responsibly and is able to safely negotiate trails rated "More Difficult" and "Most Difficult".
4. Completes and keeps current certifications for First Aid, CPR, and Blood Borne Pathogens.
5. Completes and keeps current all required Trail Patrol training.
6. Possesses a good working knowledge of the roads and trails in the Tillamook State Forest encompassed by patrol area.
7. Possesses a working knowledge of State of Oregon Laws and Oregon Department of Forestry policies, rules, and regulations pertaining to forest recreation.
8. Able to walk over uneven terrain.
9. Able to lift at least 30 pounds.

III. PATROLLER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following list outlines the roles and responsibilities of Trail Patrol members within seven categories of defined patrol duties. In each category, Trail Patrollers act as Ambassadors and Educators; Trail Patrollers can only inform not enforce.

1. PUBLIC EDUCATION

- a. Trail Patrollers provide fellow recreationists with information about recreation and trail opportunities that will help orient them to the forest, help them learn about recreation rules, and help them make positive, informed choices when using the trails.
- b. Trail Patrollers help educate the public about trail ethics by setting the example and promoting a positive image of their chosen recreation use on public lands.

III. PATROLLER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

2. SAFETY

- a. Trail Patrollers provide for personal safety by being prepared for emergencies, thinking ahead, and having the proper equipment in good working order.
- b. Trail Patrollers do not respond to reports of crime (such as theft, assault, fire season violations, illegal woodcutting, etc.) for any reason. Patrollers gather information from the reporting party and relay it to Law Enforcement or Oregon Department of Forestry staff as appropriate.
- c. Patrollers shall not put themselves or other forest visitors in jeopardy of injury while performing their duties.
- d. If a patroller is injured in the performance of patrol duties, the Oregon Department of Forestry must be notified of the injury and any treatment within 24-hours of the injury occurring.

3. TRAIL MAINTENANCE

- a. Trail Patrollers report all trail hazards and maintenance needs to Oregon Department of Forestry staff in a timely manner.
- b. Trail Patrollers make recommendations for improvements of facilities and trails.
- c. Trail Patrollers pass on comments regarding trail conditions, facilities, or needs from their public contact.

4. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Trail Patrollers attend program meetings and ongoing training sessions.
- b. Trail Patrollers maintain a log of hours, public contacts, Search & Rescues, and emergency responses. Patrollers turn this log into the designated Oregon Department of Forestry and/or Tillamook County Sheriff's Office contacts.
- c. Trail Patrollers will provide Oregon Department of Forestry staff with prior notice of scheduled patrol times and dates.

5. ACCIDENT AND INJURY RESPONSE

- a. Trail Patrollers provide a point of contact for the public to report accidents and injuries.
- b. Trail Patrollers respond to emergency situations including accidents and injury situations.
- c. Patrollers administer First Aid and CPR as needed taking necessary precautions relating to Blood Borne Pathogens and personal safety.
- d. Patrollers contact Station 800, Oregon Department of Forestry staff, and Law Enforcement as necessary to report incidents and to arrange for emergency services response.
- e. Patrollers are familiar with the locations of the nearest hospital and ambulance services.

PATROLLER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (continued)

5. ACCIDENT AND INJURY RESPONSE (continued)

- f. Patrollers coordinate getting emergency vehicles to accident/injury scenes as needed. This includes providing a lead-in, directions, or flagging a route to the scene.
- g. Patrollers document all pertinent information for Oregon Department of Forestry and Tillamook County Sheriff's Office records.
- h. Patrollers provide support as requested to Oregon Department of Forestry staff and Tillamook County Sheriff's Deputies.

6. SEARCH AND RESCUE

- a. Trail Patrollers provide a point of contact for the public to report missing/lost persons.
- b. Trail Patrollers collect information for Tillamook County Sheriff's Office SAR Coordinator using official forms.
- c. Trail Patrollers initiate Search & Rescue efforts and continue to provide assistance when Oregon Department of Forestry staff or Law Enforcement officials arrive to coordinate the search.

7. OHV EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE

- a. Trail Patrollers maintain their ATVs and Off-Road vehicles in accordance with State Laws and Oregon Department of Forestry regulations with a current ATV sticker and US Forest Service approved Spark Arrestor.
- b. Trail Patrollers inform forest visitors about regulations pertaining to OHV operation on State Forest Lands: 99 decibel noise limit, current ATV sticker required, US Forest Service approved Spark Arrestor required.

III. TIME COMMITMENT

Trail Patrol Members are asked to:

- a. attend a monthly program meeting during which most training requirements are completed.
- b. complete and keep current all required training; requires attending some weekend sessions.
- c. put in three patrol days on state forest land each year.

IV. EQUIPMENT

- a. The Oregon Department of Forestry will checkout the following equipment to individual Trail Patrol Members:
 - Yellow Mesh Jersey
 - Yellow Vehicle Magnets
 - Yellow Radio Chest Pack
 - ODF Radios & Chargers

- b. The Oregon Department of Forestry will provide the following equipment to individual Trail Patrol Members:
 - Trail Patrol Hat
 - Trail Patrol T-Shirt
 - Trail Patrol 1st Aid Kit
 - CPR Mask
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- c. The Oregon Department of Forestry will maintain the following equipment at Browns Camp and Reehers Camp for use by all Trail Patrol Members:
 - EMT Bag
 - First Aid Kits and other Medical Supplies
 - Hand Tools (axe, pulaski, etc...)

- d. The Oregon Department of Forestry will provide the following amenities for Trail Patrol Members camping in ODF campgrounds:
 - A Reserved Campsite (see "Campsite Use Agreement" for details)
 - Firewood

- e. Trail Patrollers are responsible for providing the following equipment and amenities while volunteering:
 - Camping Equipment
 - Gas
 - Propane
 - Generator
 - Personal Protective Equipment (helmet, boots, gloves, etc...)
 - Trail Equipment (OHV, 4x4, horse, mountain bike, etc...)
 - 24 hour pack (*required for participation in Search & Rescue operations coordinated by Tillamook County Sheriff's Office*)

Trail Patrollers are responsible for checking out and returning Oregon Department of Forestry equipment. Equipment must be returned clean and in good working order. If equipment is damaged or inoperable the Patroller to whom it was checked out is responsible for notifying the Oregon Department of Forestry.

V. TRAINING

The Oregon Department of Forestry and Tillamook County Sheriff's Office provide all training required for Trail Patrol members. Trail Patrol members are responsible for keeping their training certifications current.

TRAINING REQUIRED FOR PATROL CERTIFICATION

All courses must be renewed yearly in order to keep patrol certification current.

- ✓ Program Orientation (Class and Field)
- ✓ First Aid/CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens
- ✓ Radio Training
- ✓ Public Contact
- ✓ Map Skills
- ✓ Search & Rescue Skills
- ✓ Life Flight
- ✓ Meth Lab / Drug Awareness
- ✓ ODF Fire Season Regulations Education
- ✓ OHV Spark Arrestor Checks
- ✓ Mock Rescue

Upon completing the training courses required to patrol, each Trail Patroller will receive a Patrol Certificate.

VI. PATROL REQUIREMENTS & CODE OF CONDUCT

The following rules are to guide the patroller in his/her actions while on duty:

1. Trail Patrollers do not have any rule or regulation enforcement authority. Patrollers can only educate the public about the rules and regulations so that the public can make informed and positive recreation decisions.
2. A standard patrol is made up of at least two Trail Patrollers actively engaged in on-trail activities. Patrol partners stay together while riding.
3. Patrol activities are conducted during daylight hours only.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal or prescription drugs which would impair your ability to operate a motor vehicle is strictly forbidden. Upon consuming an alcoholic beverage, a Trail Patroller is officially off duty and must not respond to situations other than reporting them to the proper authorities, or wear/display trail patrol logos.
5. Firearms are not to be carried or used in any manner while conducting trail patrol duties. ODF regulations prohibit the possession of loaded firearms in campgrounds
6. Trail Patrol yellow jerseys and door magnets are only to be worn or displayed while engaged in Trail Patrol activities on the Tillamook State Forest.
7. ODF radios and radio frequencies are used only when necessary and only while engaged in Trail Patrol activities in the Tillamook State Forest.
8. Trail Patrollers avoid negative confrontations or arguments. If a public contact becomes negative, Trail Patrollers disengage and report the situation to ODF Staff or Law Enforcement as appropriate.
9. Above all else, a Trail Patroller must consider his/her own safety first. If a Patroller is injured or disabled, he/she can't help anyone.
10. Whenever a Patroller is riding he/she is always wearing proper safety equipment. Motorcycle/ATV riders must wear a helmet, gloves, sturdy boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Mountain bikers must wear a helmet.
11. Consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal or prescription drugs which would impair your ability to operate a motor vehicle is strictly forbidden. Upon consuming an alcoholic beverage, a Trail Patroller is officially off duty and must not respond to situations other than reporting them to the proper authorities, or wear/display trail patrol logos.
12. Firearms are not to be carried or used in any manner while conducting trail patrol duties. ODF regulations prohibit the possession of loaded firearms in campgrounds.
13. Trail Patrollers present themselves in a professional manner and set the example for other recreationists and forest visitors by wearing Trail Patrol identification while on patrol or on duty in camp, maintaining vehicles and equipment in good working order, and keeping a clean campsite.

Failure to comply with these rules, particularly items #4 and/or #5 are grounds for termination of volunteer service.