

Lower Salmonberry

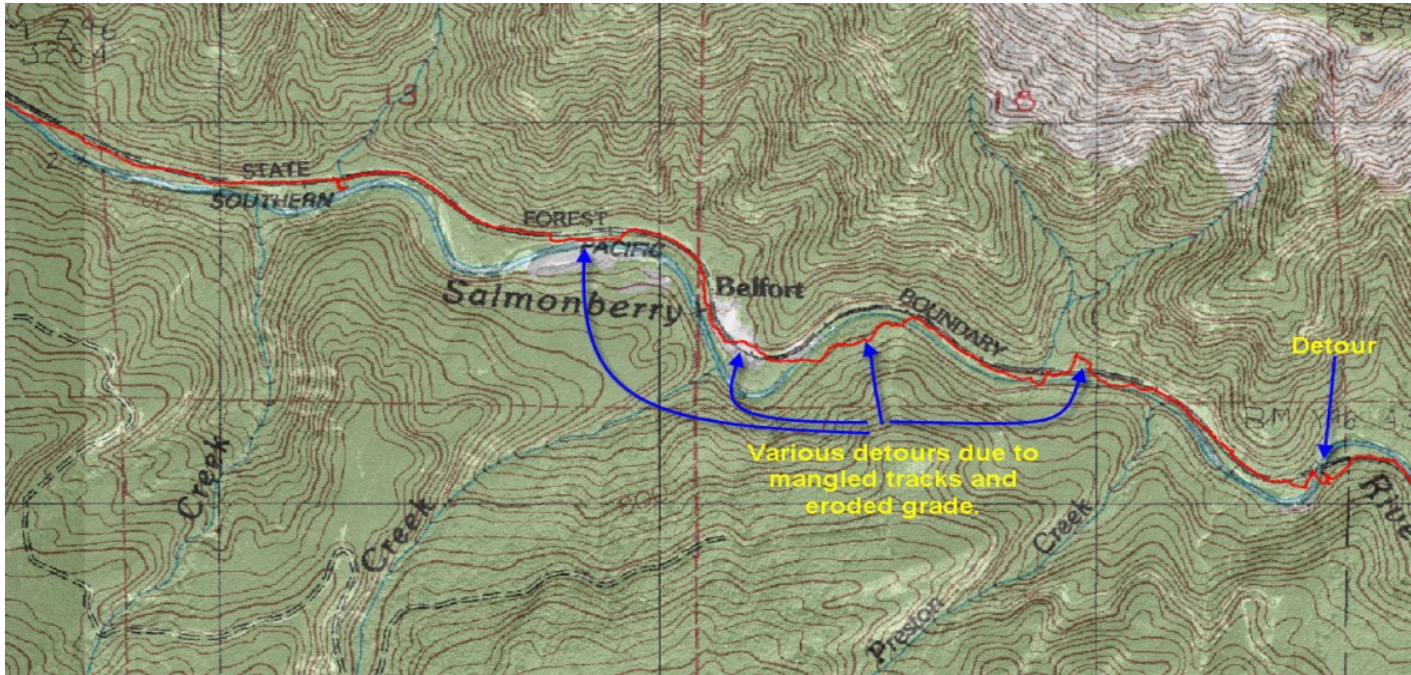
Part 5: Belfort Segment



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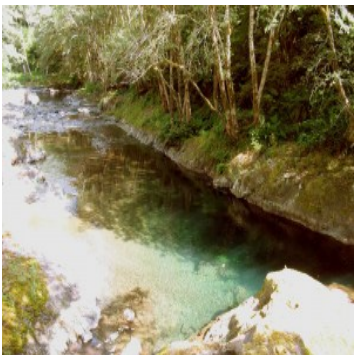
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TRAIL LOG

From the water tank in Enright, the trail leads to Belfort after about 2 miles with the majority of the way being fairly open, requiring only a few detours. One mile beyond the water tank, the railroad crosses the river and begins to follow the North bank. That bridge appears to have been the log book for the traveling taggers chronicling their signatures. About 0.5 miles beyond the bridge, the trail encounters the last major detour where a fast flowing tributary has swept away part of the roadway. Beyond that, the roadway continues relentlessly onwards towards the Nehalem River. This can be very peaceful in an afternoon summer sun, but one may look back and imagine the ferocity of the water and debris as they tore the iron and steel railway to pieces in 2007. As the route progresses, there are tall pinnacle peaks as well as bare cliffs looming above the valley. The river becomes wider at this stage, which provides a long series of tree-shaded pools, which provide an adequate swim break.



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