

Old Sawmill Campsite- relocated 21 June, 2014

For many years the old site location was a favorite of Boy Scout groups and individuals wanting a site a couple miles in for a first night place to stay. The site was a large site that had grown larger with use over the years, and had become quite bare and compacted. The only way for the original site to get some leaf cover/restoration was close it and move the location. **So on 21 June 2014 the site was relocated just west of its original location along the creek..** The new site area is less than half the size of the original site and now has two designated fire rings and the site will only hold about 7-8 tents (or some 15-18 backpackers.) Most people hike in to this site area from the WJSP-TV tower parking lot trailhead (about 2.7 miles.) The hike in to Old Sawmill is one of the most scenic, with lots of varied hiking over water crossings and hills, past cliffs and waterfalls including Cascade Falls. Alternate route is hiking in from the west, and it is about 2.3 miles east of Rocky Point Parking Lot trailhead. Again there are only two designated fire rings (please don't move or add fire-rings.) The site has ample water from a good sized stream and the access point to the stream is noted with a sign just 75' east past the entrance to the new camp. NOTE: the old location of the campsite is not to be used at all and sign at the old location entrance (now blocked) tell this.

We had a great crew of volunteers who helped relocate the site on 21 June. We completed the move, laying out two new fire-rings, clearing the area, building new benches, moving and putting in new signs....all in about 2.5 hours.



One of the fire rings at the new location of Old Sawmill Campsite



Matthew Heard and Jim Hall



Old site entrance is blocked and noted closed with sign.



Best place to access water for the camp is just 75' east of the site entrance right by the trail.



Volunteers who worked on the Old Sawmill Campsite relocation included: Carl Carlson, Larry Day, Mark Hughes, Charlie & Brent Grimes, Matthew & Ronnie Heard, Bill Story, Gene Wells, Mike Riffle, Joe Skinner, Ed Jones and Jim HallOh, the rocks you see around the new fire-rings were moved in from the old site. Will the site be moved back to the original location? Maybe in a couple years depending on how natural restoration goes (leaves falling enough to cover the ground and remaining)

How bare was the old site? Here it was...

