Instructions to Camp Cooper from the north

The directions for Camp Cooper from the local council will take you all the way down to Willamina and then north. Coming from Hillsboro, there is a shorter, more direct route.

Get to the intersection of NW Meadowlake Rd and NW Westside, which is the blinking 4-way stop that is just west of Carlton, and just north of the Carlton Farms meat-packing building. I usually come down Westside Rd out of Yamhill but others will go through Carlton and then take a right.

Head west on NW Meadowlake Rd. This is pretty much **THE** road. There are intersections for NW Moores Valley Road and NW Haskins Creek Road but you don't want them. When in doubt, veer left, especially at the sign for the McMinnville water plant.

Eventually NW Meadowlake Road turns into NW Nestucca Access Road. At this point you start to look for mile markers on the trees along the way. These are small painted wood signs, not metal highway signs, nailed to the trees along the road.

Watch for mile marker 9-1/2, on the south side (left-side) of the road. You will pass McGuire Reservoir on the south (left) before the 9-1/2 mile marker. In the dark you may not realize you are passing the reservoir.

Bald Mountain Access Road is the only paved road on the left after the 9-1/2 mile sign. Turn left, heading south. Bald Mt. Access Rd. is a paved one lane with passing cutouts every so often. OHV trails also cross it—those crossings are marked in paint.

Stay on Bald Mt. Access Road until you reach Camp Cooper. It is about nine miles. Warning—there is no sign for Camp Cooper. The road to camp is on the right. Once on road to camp, park in the lot above the shop. There is no longer a lower parking lot.

A rough guess coordinates of the intersection of Camp Cooper and Bald Mt. Access Road is 45.250811, -123.492845.

When in doubt, follow someone who has been to Camp Cooper before. You really cannot get lost once you are on Bald Mt. Access Rd, but it is easy to miss the turn to Camp Cooper.

B = Camp Cooper

A = Intersection of NW Meadowlake and NW Westside

