

The following statutes are from Chapter 105 of the Oregon Revised Statutes – Property Rights

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/105.html>

**ORS 105.682 Liabilities of owner of land used by public for recreational purposes, woodcutting or harvest of special forest products.** (1) Except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, and subject to the provisions of ORS 105.688, an owner of land is not liable in contract or tort for any personal injury, death or property damage that arises out of the use of the land for recreational purposes, woodcutting or the harvest of special forest products when the owner of land either directly or indirectly permits any person to use the land for recreational purposes, woodcutting or the harvest of special forest products. The limitation on liability provided by this section applies if the principal purpose for entry upon the land is for recreational purposes, woodcutting or the harvest of special forest products, and is not affected if the injury, death or damage occurs while the person entering land is engaging in activities other than the use of the land for recreational purposes, woodcutting or the harvest of special forest products.

(2) This section does not limit the liability of an owner of land for intentional injury or damage to a person coming onto land for recreational purposes, woodcutting or the harvest of special forest products. [1995 c.456 §3]

**ORS 105.688 Applicability of immunities from liability for owner of land; restrictions.** (1) Except as specifically provided in ORS 105.672 to 105.696, the immunities provided by ORS 105.682 apply to:

(a) All public and private lands, including but not limited to lands adjacent or contiguous to any bodies of water, watercourses or the ocean shore as defined by ORS 390.605;

(b) All roads, bodies of water, watercourses, rights of way, buildings, fixtures and structures on the lands described in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(c) All machinery or equipment on the lands described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) The immunities provided by ORS 105.682 apply only if:

(a) The owner makes no charge for permission to use the land;

(b) The owner transfers an easement to a public body to use the land; or

(c) The owner charges no more than \$75 per cord for permission to use the land for woodcutting. [1995 c.456 §4; 1999 c.872 §7; 2001 c.206 §1]

These are the statutes that protect all public bodies from liability claims from parks, trails, and other public areas. It includes public trails on private land like the Amanda Trail and the path through the Gerdemann Botanical Preserve north of town.