Deep Gorge Trail #1283
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LENGTH: 1.5 mile (round-trip)
SEASON: Spring-Fall
LEVEL OF USE: Medium
ELEVATION GAIN: 466 feet

Trail Information: The Deep Gorge Trail follows an abandoned mining road to reach the Illinois River, which flows down below the trailhead. This short and easy trail offers quick access to swim in the river’s clean and pleasant waters in the dead of summer, and with relatively low elevation, is a quiet place to venture for a hike during fall and winter.

The trail passes by an old homestead (the Hill home) and ends at a chrome mine that overlooks a remote section of the Wild and Scenic Illinois River corridor.

Getting There: From Grants Pass, OR, drive south on US Highway 199 (Redwood Highway) for 19.7 miles towards Selma, OR. In Selma, OR, turn right (west) onto Illinois River Road and continue for approximately 11 miles to the trailhead, located on the left side of the road.

Considerations: Prepare for your hike! Carry plenty of water, and treat the area’s water for consumption.

The Biscuit Fire of 2002 burned in this area, and the trail passes through a large stand of dead snags. Visitors should avoid this trail during windy conditions.