RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

Cook and Green Trail #959
Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District
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LENGTH: 8.2 miles (one way)
SEASON: June-October
LEVEL OF USE: Light
ELEVATION: 2280-4765 feet
CONNECTING TRAILS: Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Trail Information: The name Cook and Green is derived from Robert Cook and the two Green brothers who were partners in several mining ventures in the vicinity in the 1870s and 1880s.

From FS Road 1040, the trail begins a gradual ascent through a dense forest comprised of canyon live oak, mountain mahogany, and big leaf maple. The trail continues a 3.5 mile traverse above Cook and Green before reaching No-See-Em Camp. This campsite is one of only two sites large enough to accommodate 1-2 tents.

Beyond the campsite, the trail climbs gradually along the west side of Bear Gulch. Here, the deciduous forest gives way to large stands of old-grown Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, noble fir, and the rarer Brewer’s spruce. Ferns, beargrass, and huckleberry bushes blanket the forest floor. A small spring marks arrival at Cook and Green Pass, and the end of the Cook and Green Trail.

The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail is accessed at Cook and Green Pass, and affords the opportunity complete a 15-mile loop that begins and ends at the Cook and Green Trailhead. Upon arrival at Cook and Green Pass, continue left (southwest) on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail for two miles to the junction with Horse Camp Trail #958, located above Echo Lake. Turn right (north) and descend 3.9 miles to the Horse Camp trailhead, located on FS Road 1040. Walk north on FS Road 1040 for 0.5 mile to return to the Cook and Green trailhead.

Getting There: From Ruch, OR, travel south on Upper Applegate Road for 18.8 miles to the junction with Carberry Creek Road (County Road 777) and turn left (southeast). Proceed 1.5 miles to the junction of FS Roads 1040 and 1050, and turn right on FS Road 1040. Continue for 3.5 miles to Cook and Green Trailhead on the left. A parking lot is located across the road from the trailhead.

Attractions and Considerations: The Cook and Green Trail offers opportunities for fishing, camping, and viewing a diverse forest ecosystem.

Prepare for your hike! Carry plenty of water. Water may be found at two springs along the trail. Water treatment is recommended.

As this is a multi-user trail, prepare to yield to other user groups. Use caution on blind corners. Bicycles and motorized bikes are not permitted on the PCT.

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