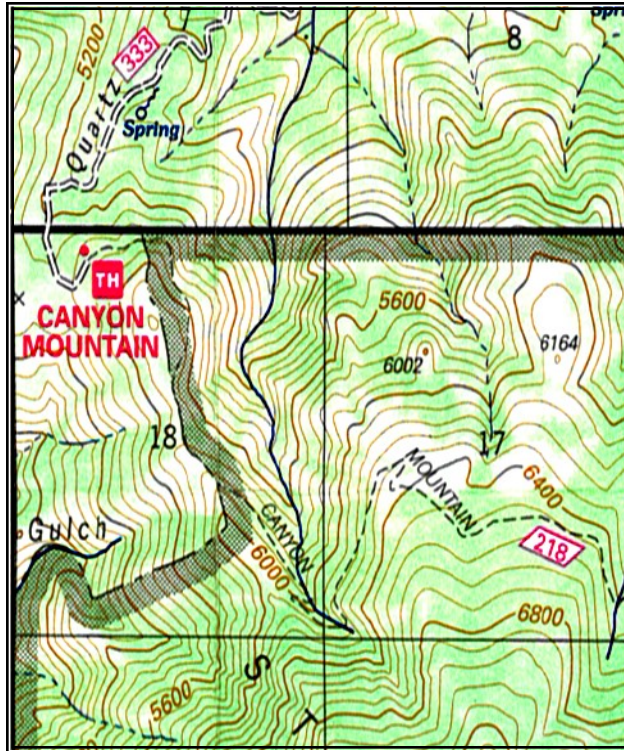


What is Wilderness?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



Map section taken from the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness Map, available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest offices.

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Canyon Mountain Trail #218



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Canyon Mountain Trail is located on the north western side of the Strawberry Mountain Range, at the edge of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

This trail ranges in elevation from 5400 ft and climbing to 7600 ft.

This trail can be accessed during the summer months for recreation.

The road is not maintained by the Forest Service. It is recommended to use 4 wheel drive vehicles during dry months of the year. Stock trailers are not recommended on this road as they may become high centered.

This trail is in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes but is not limited to; bicycles, ohv's, or game carts.

What to Look Forward To

This trail offers excellent views of the John Day Valley. It also allows access to Canyon Mountain and the west end of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

Great Hike

Canyon Mountain Trail is great for single or multiday hikes. For a great single day hike walk to the connection with Joaquin Miller Trail #219. For multiday hikes continue on the Canyon Mountain trail to the connection with Pine Creek Trail #201 from here you can connect to many other trails for great options of multiday hiking experiences. Most of the trail is dry, but there a few streams along the trail. If you are going to build a campfire please stay 100 ft. from water sources and use existing fire rings.

Safety In the Woods

Be prepared for all types of conditions and weather. Bring with you extra food and water, water is very limited the entire length of the trail. Be bear and cougar aware, tie food up in a tree or bring a bear box to protect food, never keep food in your tent. Have a plan for your trip and let your family and friends know were you are planning on going. Don't rely on cell coverage or GPS. Carry a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information

Trail is 15.5 miles long one way.

Difficult

Directions

From John Day, take Hwy 395 South for approximately 2 miles. In the town of Canyon City, turn right onto Marysville Rd. this is County Rd. 52. Travel approximately 2 miles, then take a right on County Rd. 77 for approximately 1/4 mile. Turn right onto Forest Rd. 7700333 and follow the road to the trailhead.

