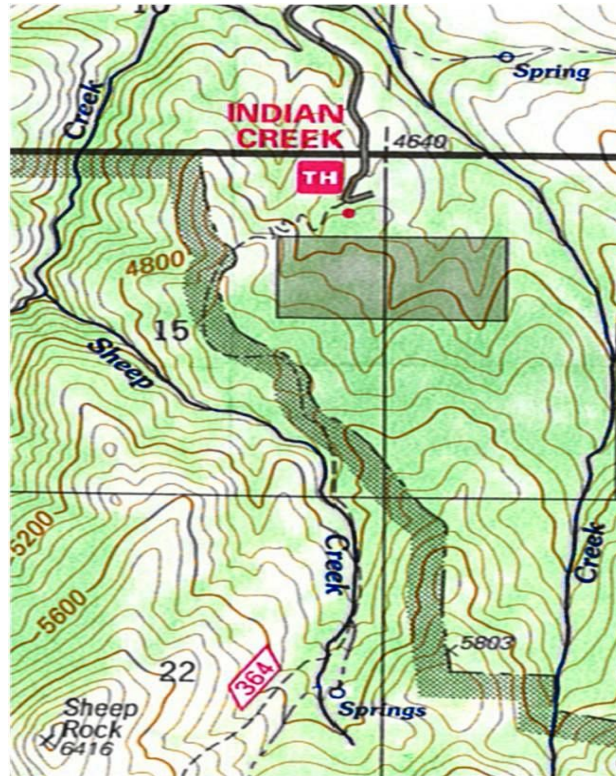


What is Wilderness?

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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Indian Creek Trail #364



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The Indian Creek Trail is located at the western part of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

This trail ranges in elevation from 4600 ft and climbing to 7200ft.

This trail can be accessed during the summer months for recreation. The trail is not as busy as some of the other local trails.

This trail is in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes bicycles, ohv's, or game carts.

What to Look Forward To

This trail affords a more challenging hike, through beautiful timber, in the Strawberry Wilderness. This trail is exceptional for those seeking a less crowded hiking experience. It is also a steep trail. Caution is always advised.

Great Hike

This trail makes a great day and multiday hike. For a single day hike the Indian Creek Trail is perfect. Depending on which end you choose to start from will decide on the difficulty of the hike. If you choose to start at the trailhead the hike will be steeper and more challenging. If you begin at the Roads End #201A the hike is still challenging. For multiday hike options this trail connects to the Pine Creek trail #201. 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, or a water filtration system. 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 where you are planning on going. Don't count on cell coverage or GPS. Carry a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information

The trail is 6.7 miles to the connection with Pine Creek Trail #201.

Difficult

Directions

From John Day, OR. travel east on Hwy 26 approximately 7 miles. Turn onto County Rd. 55 continue on until this road becomes County Rd. 71 then to Forest Rd. 7101 follow this road to the trailhead. It is approximately 7 miles from Hwy 26 to the trailhead.

Another access is from Roads End Trailhead #201. From Hwy 26 travel into the town of Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street. Follow to the first stop sign and turn left. This road becomes County Rd. 62 stay on this road to the Junction at Summit Prairie of Forest Rd. 16. Turn west onto Forest Rd. 16, follow for approximately 10 miles to Forest Rd. 1640 stay on this road to the trailhead.