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 untrammeled 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.

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East Fork of Canyon Creek Trail #211

East Fork of Canyon Creek Trail is located on the south west end of the Strawberry Mountain Range, at the edge of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

This trail ranges in elevation from 4500 ft. and climbs to 7200 ft.

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

There is plenty of room for parking at the trailhead. There are stalls and hitching rails available for horses. Stock water is located 1/2 a mile down the trail on the East Fork of Canyon Creek.

Weed Free Feed is required.

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 both low and high elevation life zones to explore. East Fork Canyon Creek offers good native cutthroat trout fishing. The trail accesses the Canyon Creek Natural Area, this is a unique park-like stand of old growth ponderosa pine.

Great Hike
This trail is great for a single or multiday hike. For a nice single day hike East Fork Canyon Creek Trail connects to Tamarack Trail #202 that will lead to the Joaquin Miller Trail #219 for a great hike. For a multi-day hike, this trail connects to Pine Creek Trail #201 which in turn connects to other trails for great hiking options. 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 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 were you are planning on going. Cell service is sketchy if there is any service at all in the wilderness. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information
The trail is 9.5 miles in length.

Difficulty: More

Directions
From John Day, travel south on Hwy 395 to the junction with County Rd. 65. Take County Rd. 65 south approximately 4 miles to the junction with Forest Rd. 6510, follow this road to Forest Rd. 812. Forest Rd. 812 ends at East Fork of Canyon Creek Trailhead.