

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 sections are from the *Strawberry Mountain Wilderness map*, available for purchase at all Malheur National Forest offices.

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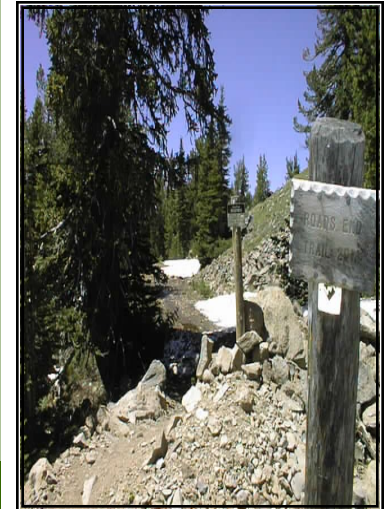
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Roads End Trail #201



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The Roads End Trail is located on the South side of the Strawberry Mountain Range, at the edge of the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness. The trails elevation stays at roughly 8000 ft. and can be reached easily during the summer months for recreation. The trail is open for snowshoeing during winter months but is more difficult to reach.

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

Roads End Trail is an easy walk to a spectacular view of the John Day Valley to the north and Bear Valley to the west and south. The entire length of the trail is on an old roadbed within the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness.

Great Hike

Roads End Trail is a great starting point for a single or multiday hike. For a great single day short hike follow the trail to it's end at the connection with Onion Creek Trail #368. At the junction of the Onion Creek Trail you have more options for longer hikes, this includes following the Onion Creek Trail all of the way down to the Onion Creek trailhead, or taking the Strawberry Basin Trail #375 off of the Onion Creek Trail to other hikes. Another option is to follow Pine Creek Trail #201 around Wildcat Basin back out to the Pine Creek Trailhead. 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 including route of travel and an estimated time of return. Let family or

friends know your plan. Do not trust cell coverage or GPS. Bring a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.

Trail Information

Roads End trail is 1.5 miles in length

To Onion Creek Trail 1.5 miles.

To Pine Creek trail 1.7 miles.

Easy to Moderate

Directions

From Hwy 26 enter the town of Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street, at the first stop sign turn left. Stay on this road, it becomes County Rd. 62. Follow County Rd. 62 to the junction at Summit Prairie of Forest Rd. 16. Turn west on Forest Rd. 16, travel approximately 10 miles to Forest Rd. 1640 to the trailhead.

From Seneca, travel east on Forest Rd 16 for approximately 15 miles to Forest Rd. 1640 follow this road to the trailhead.