

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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Slide Basin Trail #372



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The Slide Basin Trail is located south east of Prairie City at the base of Strawberry Mountain, and ranges in elevation from 6400 ft. to 7200 ft.

The trail can be easily reached during the summer months for recreation. During winter months the trail is open for snowshoeing, however it is more difficult to reach. This trail has a great deal of use during the summer months and holiday weekends.

Slide Basin 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

Slide Basin Train is highlighted by interesting rock formations. This trail passes along the side of the mountain offering many scenic views, traveling first through the forest, opening up to a view of Strawberry Mountain. The trail affords a view of the John Day Valley, Slide Creek Basin as well as Slide Falls.

Great Hike

From Strawberry Campground you can take the Slide Basin Trail to Slide Lake. This route will by-pass Strawberry Lake. Take Strawberry Lake Trail #375B for 1 mile to Slide Basin Trail #372 to the Slide Lake. A good loop hike from this trail is to connect to the Slide Connector Trail #386. The Slide Connector Trail #386 comes out below Strawberry Campground. 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 return time. Let family or friends know your plan. Do not rely 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 2.3 miles from the connection with Strawberry Lake Trail #375B to Slide Lake.

To the connection with Skyline Trail #385 is 2 miles.

Difficulty: More

Directions

From Hwy 26 enter the town of Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street, at the first stop sign turn left. Around the corner Bridge Street will be on the right side, turn onto Bridge Street, this road becomes County Rd. 60 and ends at Strawberry Campground. The Strawberry Lake Trail head starts at the campground and connects to the Slide Basin Trail.