



## Middle Fork Payette Trail #033

**Length:** 11.2 miles (18 km)

**Difficulty**

**Horseback:** Most Difficult

**Hiking:** More Difficult

**USGS Maps:** Bull Creek Hot Springs, Oro Mountain, Boiling Springs

**Recreation sites nearby:** Wetfoot Trail, Sixteen-to-One Trail, Fool Creek Trail, Bull Creek Trail, Boiling Springs Campground, Boiling Springs Cabin

### Attractions and Considerations

This trail leaves the northern end of National Forest Road 698 (NF-698) and travels north along the Middle Fork of the Payette River. As it leaves the road it passes by the historical Boiling Springs Guard Station recreation rental cabin, then a series of natural hot springs before its junction with the Bull Creek Trail. This trail is non-motorized from the end of the NF-698 road to the junction with the Bull Creek Trail, where it becomes single track motorized for 1/2 mile before returning to non-motorized status until the end of the trail at NF-409. The lower portion of the trail crosses the river 17 times and is very dangerous during periods of high stream flow, so please use extreme caution. Southeast from the trailhead across the river is a dispersed camping area that will accommodate horses.

### Trail Beginning

**Elevation:** 4063 ft

The Middle Fork Payette Trailhead is located at the end of NF-698.

### Trail Ending

**Elevation:** 5313 ft

The trail terminates at NF-409.

### Access:

To access this trail, take NF-698 from Crouch approximately 22.3 mile to the end. The trailhead is located on the left.

