



**Wallowa-Whitman National Forest**

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Eagle Cap Wilderness

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**BOWMAN TRAIL #1651 & #1659**

**TRAIL BEGINNING:**

**Bowman Trailhead**

**TRAIL ENDING:**

**Laverty, Chimney, Hobo and Wood Lake**

**ACCESS:**

**From State Highway #82 in Lostine go south on the Lostine River Road #8210. The trailhead is located 14 miles south of the junction with State Highway #82. The first 6 miles are paved and the last 7 miles are graveled.**

**ATTRACTIONS:**

**The Bowman Trail is a major access point for hikers and horses into the Eagle Cap Wilderness. This route provides access to Chimney, Hobo, Laverty and Wood lakes, as well as Brownie Basin and North Minam Meadows. Steep, rocky mountain ranges are framed with beautiful flower-filled meadows. On Trail #1659 to Laverty Lakes, there is a view of Twin Peaks to the east and Eagle Cap to the south past Flagstaff Point. Opportunities abound for fishing and viewing elk, deer, and bear. There is water available along most of the route, but be prepared for areas in between water sources. We recommend taking water from natural springs and clear sources where possible, using a filter suitable for Giardia and other micro-organisms, or boiling your drinking water for at least five minutes. The trailhead has a stock ramp, hitch rails, picnic area, and outhouse facilities.**

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Northwest Forest Passes are required at Bowman Trailhead.**

**This trail has a moderate to steep grade with many switchbacks. There are several stream crossings along the route. Follow trail junction signs and a map to locate the various lakes. The trail to Hobo Lake is not maintained for packstock. The trail to Wood Lake can be difficult for stock. There is limited parking at the trailhead.**

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Length: 7.4 One-way

Distance from Trailhead to Lakes:  
4.3 miles to Laverty  
5 miles to Chimney  
5.5 miles to Hobo  
7.4 miles to Wood

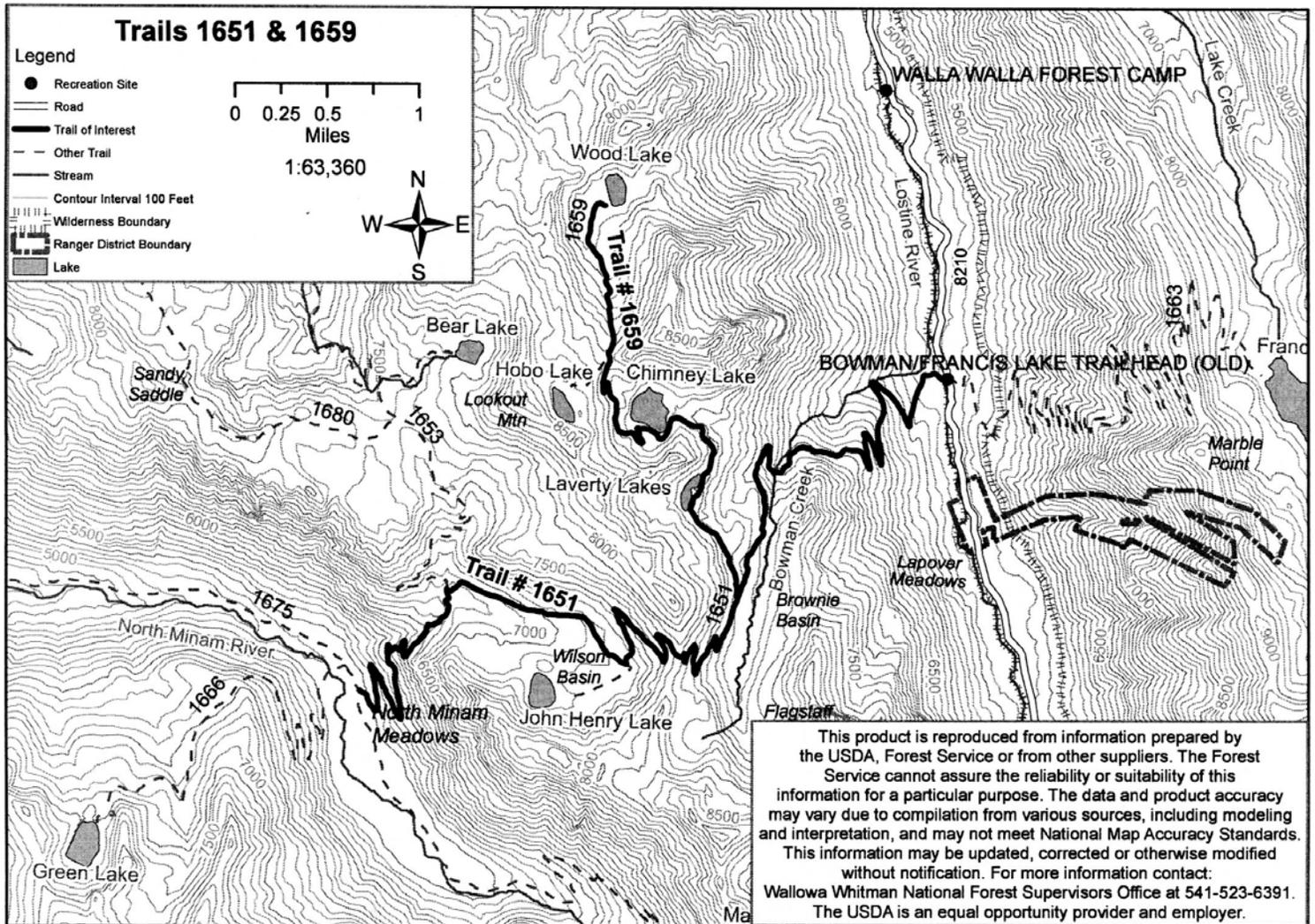
Restrictions: See Eagle Cap Wilderness Regulations

Recommended Season: Summer and fall

Use: Moderate use in summer and fall (horses and hikers)

Elevation: Trailhead 5,200'  
Chimney Lake 7,604'  
Hobo Lake 8,369'  
Wood Lake 7,338'

Difficulty: More difficult



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Please refer to National Forest map for complete trail system.

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