



**Wallowa-Whitman National Forest**

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**Eagle Cap Wilderness**

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**MAXWELL LAKE TRAIL #1674**

**TRAIL BEGINNING:**

**Maxwell Lake Trailhead**

**TRAIL ENDING:**

**Maxwell Lake**

**ACCESS:**

**Take State Highway #82 to Lostine and go south on the Lostine River Road #8210. The trailhead is located in Shady Campground approximately 17 miles south of the junction with State Highway #82. The first 6 miles is paved and the last 11 miles is graveled.**

**ATTRACTIONS:**

**The trip to Maxwell Lake makes an excellent day hike; it's relatively short, 4 miles one-way. Stands of larch and fir give shade and relief from the open meadows. Climbing the ridge behind Maxwell Lake affords you spectacular views of North Minam Meadows and some of the lakes and peaks in the Minam and Lostine drainages. Fishing for eastern brook trout is a favorite passtime at Maxwell Lake. Caught Two Lake is also a favorite fishing spot. The lakes are surrounded with granite walls and fine outcroppings of pine trees along the lakeshores. Small side streams cross the trail but may dwindle to a trickle later in the season. Be sure to carry drinking water with you.**

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

**Northwest Forest Passes are required at Maxwell Lake Trailhead.**

**Campsites are few at Maxwell Lake, making this a good choice for a day hike. The last mile of trail is difficult for stock because the trail steepens and is sandy with shale rock. Grazing is minimal for stock so make sure to carry a supply of supplemental feed. Maxwell Lake is usually one of the earlier opening lakes and often remains open until late October.**

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**Length:** 4 miles one-way

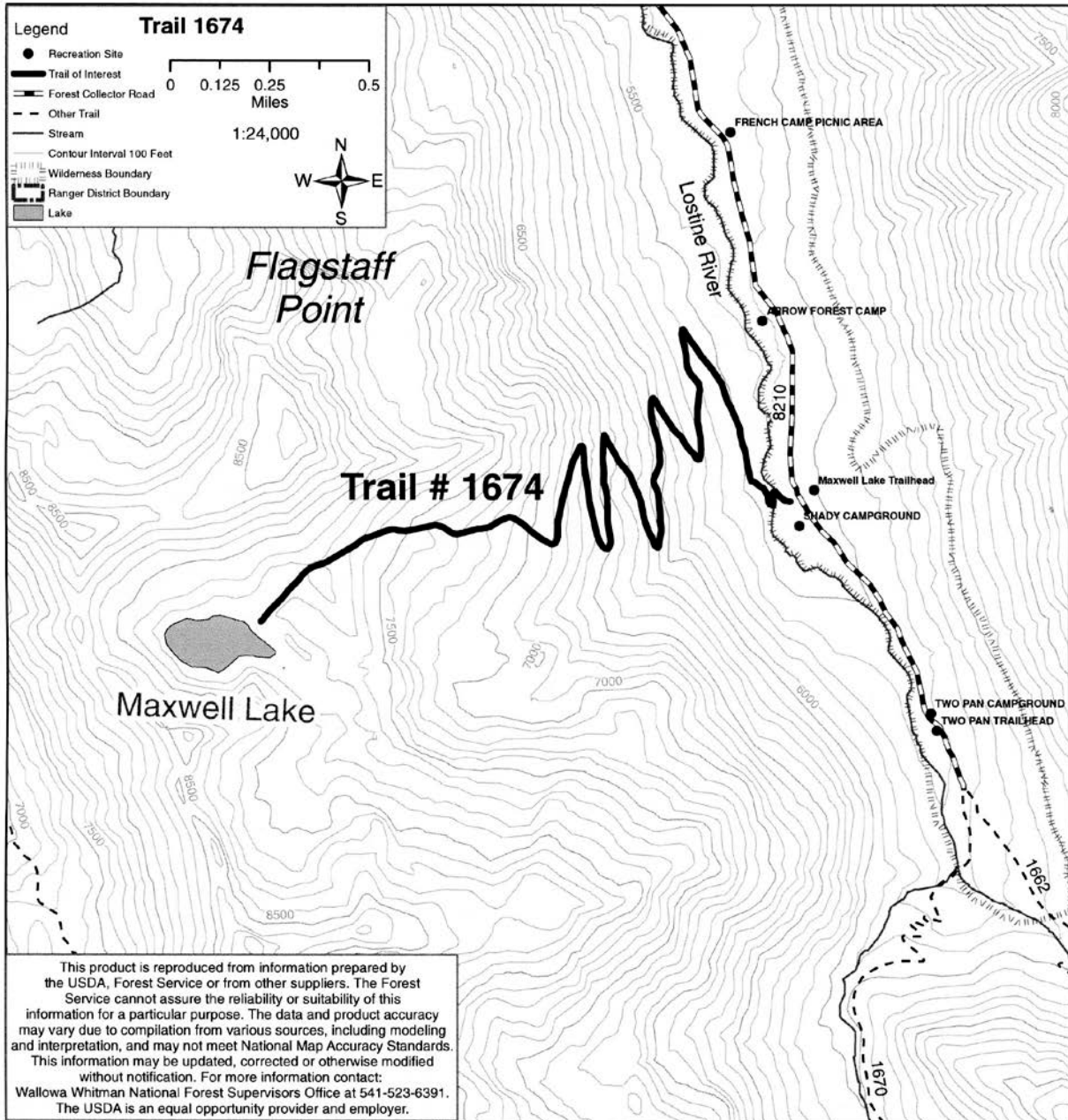
**Restrictions:** See Eagle Cap Wilderness Regulations

**Difficulty:** More difficult

**Recommended Season:** Summer and fall

**Elevation:** Trailhead 5,400'  
Pass 7,760'  
Maxwell Lake 7,729'

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



**Please refer to National Forest map for complete trail system.**

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