



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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Eagle Cap Wilderness

BEAR CREEK TRAIL
#1653 to #1680 to #1677 to #1654

TRAIL BEGINNING:

**Bear Creek Trailhead
(Boundary Campground)**

TRAIL ENDING:

Bear Creek Trailhead

ACCESS:

Bear Creek Trailhead is located nine miles south of Wallowa at Boundary Campground. Turn off State Highway #82 at the west end of Wallowa and follow signs to Bear Creek and Boundary Campground. Parking is located at the trailhead along with a loading ramp, hitch rails for stock, and outhouse facilities.

ATTRACTIONS:

Bear Creek runs along the entire trail, with many places to fish. The scenery is beautiful in this glacially formed drainage. The first three or four miles are open terrain. Views along the trail gradually change from flower filled meadows to scattered pines and a dense forest canopy.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Northwest Forest Passes are required at the Bear Creek Trailhead.

The trail along Bear Creek is gentle with no major streams to cross. Campsites can be found at Boundary Campground which offers picnic tables, fire rings, and vault toilets, but no developed drinking water. Due to the open nature of the basin, there are many opportunities for dispersed camping along the trail. Historical sites may be observed along the way. You will ride or hike along mountain ridges, viewing spectacular scenery. This route transgresses into meadows, mountain peaks, forested scenery and rocky hillsides.

Water is available on trail #1653, but be prepared when traveling over trail #1680 to have your own drinking water.

Horse users should be experienced if traveling over trail #1680.

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Eagle Cap/Hells Canyon NRA/Wallowa Valley Ranger District in Joseph, OR: 541-426-5546, 541-426-4978
Hells Canyon NRA in Clarkston, WA: 509-758-0616; **Riggins, ID:** 208-628-3916
Hells Canyon Boat Launch: 541-785-3395
La Grande Ranger District: 541-963-7186
Whitman Ranger District in Baker City, OR: 541-523-6391; **Halfway, OR:** 541-742-7511

Length: 37.9 miles round trip

Distance to junction points:

Trail # 1653 - 19.6 miles

Trail # 1680 - 9.7 miles

Trail # 1677 - 1.0 miles

Trail # 1654 - 3.5 miles

Difficulty: More difficult

Elevation:

Trailhead 3,600'

Bear Lake 7,905'

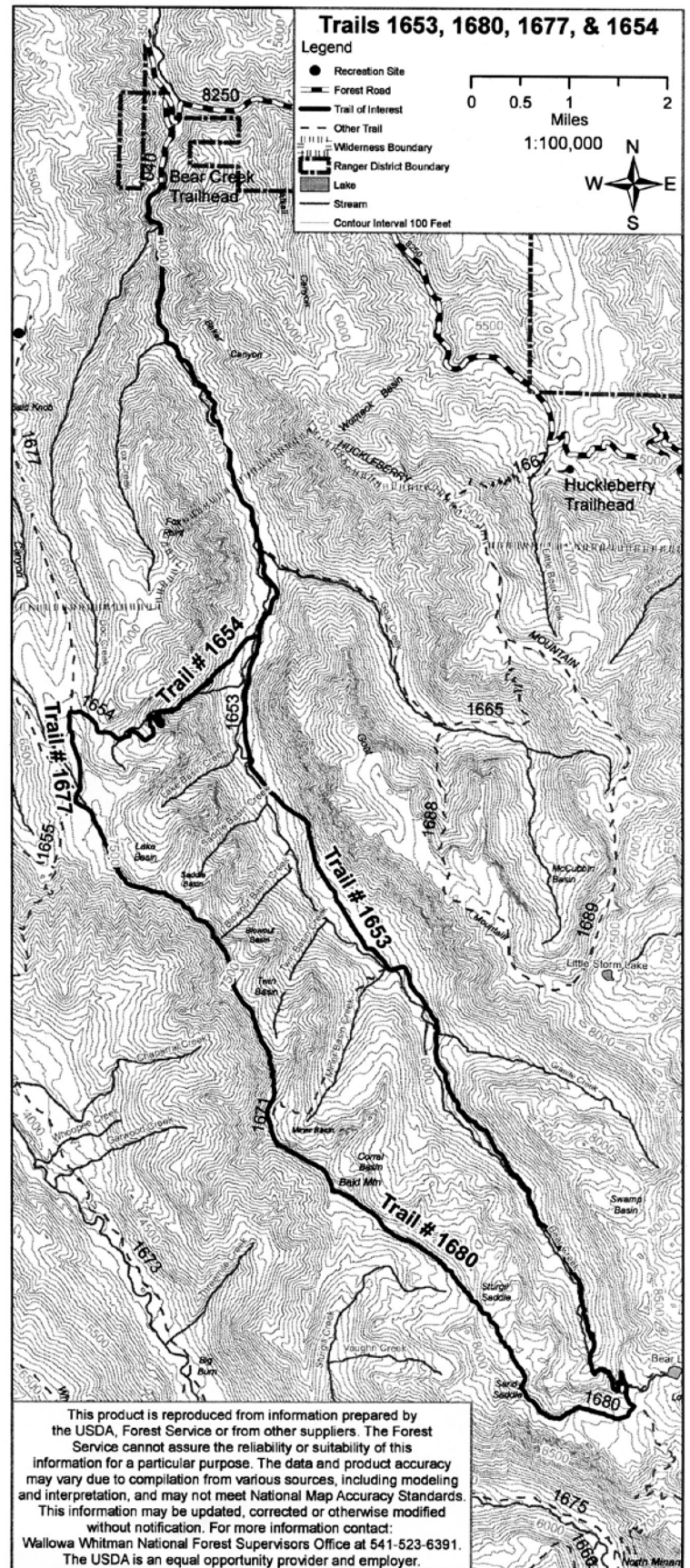
Bald Mountain 7,933'

Standley Cabin 7,360'

Restrictions: See Eagle Cap Wilderness Regulations

Recommended Season: Summer and fall

Use: Heavy Use in summer and fall (horses and hikers)



Please refer to National Forest map for complete trail system.

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