



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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Eagle Cap Wilderness

FRANCIS LAKE TRAIL #1663

TRAIL BEGINNING:

Bowman Trailhead

TRAIL ENDING:

Frances Lake

ACCESS:

Take State Highway #82 to Lostine and 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 8 miles are graveled.

ATTRACTIONS:

The Frances Lake trail affords you remarkable views of Twin Peaks and Marble Point and spectacular views of Laverty, Chimney, Wood and Hobo Lakes across the Lostine Canyon. Fishing opportunities are available at Frances Lake and there is stream fishing for brook trout and a few rainbow trout north of the lake. Deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats can be seen in this area. The geology is spectacular, including limestone-marble and granite formations. Camping and grazing areas are available but make sure to camp away from lake shores in order to protect fragile vegetation. Refer to the Eagle Cap Wilderness regulations. The trailhead has a stock ramp, hitch rails, picnic areas, and outhouse facilities.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The Frances Lake Trail #1663 has a moderate to steep grade with numerous switchbacks. As you climb higher along the trail it will become narrow and passing or meeting stock may be difficult. This is a long trip if planning to travel to the Lake and out as a day hike. Consider staying the night at the lake or begin your hike early in the day.

Be sure to carry some water since it is scarce along the trail. 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. There is limited parking at the trailhead.

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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: 9.1 one-way

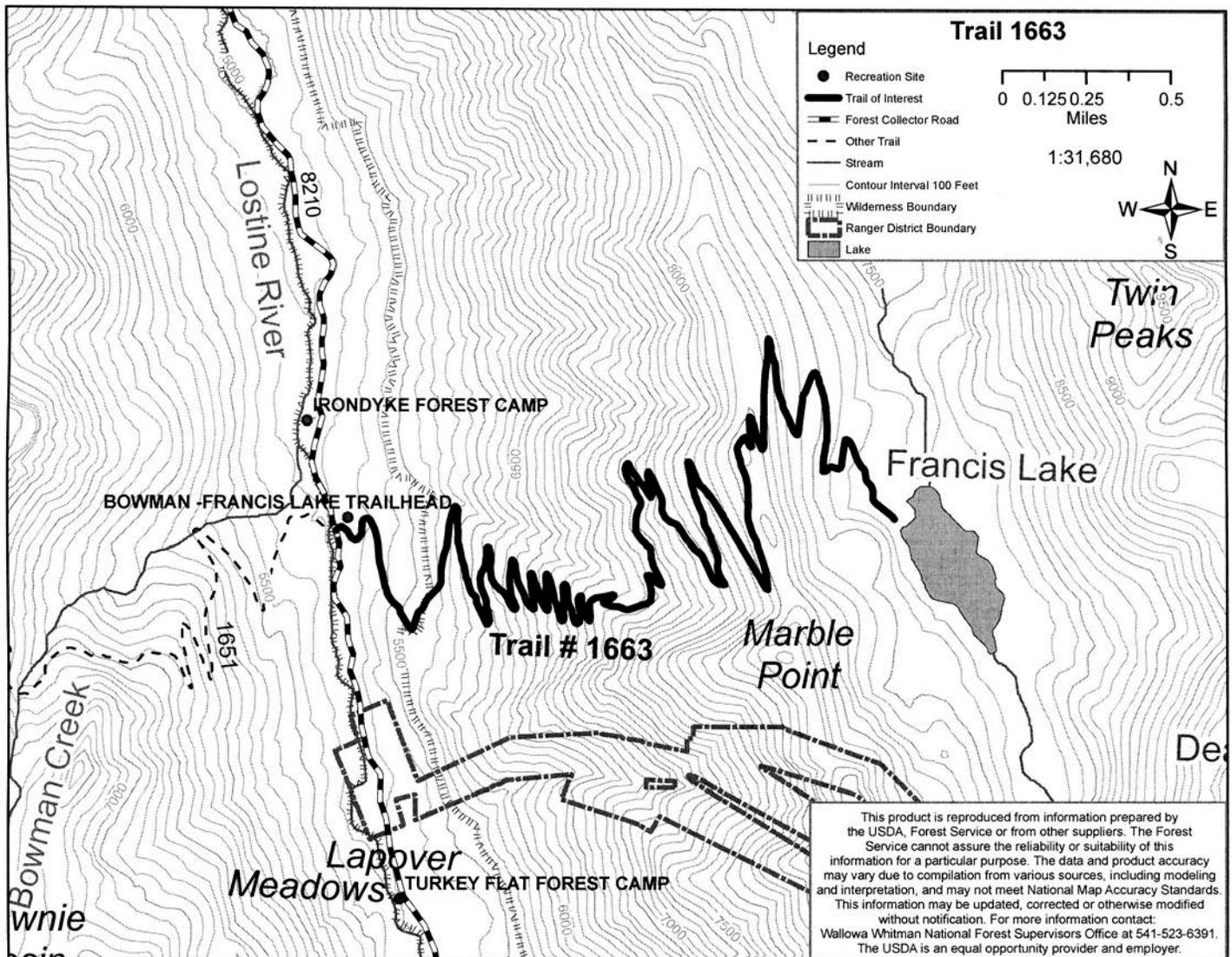
Difficulty: More difficult

Elevation: Trailhead 5,200'
Pass 8,560'
Frances Lake 7,680'

Restrictions: See Eagle Cap Wilderness Regulations

Recommended Season: Summer and fall

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



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Please refer to National Forest map for complete trail system.