



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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Eagle Cap Wilderness

WEST EAGLE LOOP

#1934 to #1922 to #1673 to #1944 to #1943 to #1934

TRAIL BEGINNING:

West Eagle Trailhead

TRAIL ENDING:

West Eagle Trailhead

ACCESS:

From La Grande, take State Highway #203 to Union, travel approximately 14 miles to Forest Road #77. Follow Forest Road #77 approximately 15.5 miles to West Eagle Meadows. West Eagle Trailhead is located here.

ATTRACTIONS:

The West Eagle trail provides access to Echo, Traverse, Diamond and Tombstone lakes as well as a beautiful trip along the Minam River. You can also access many other destinations in the wilderness from this trail. Fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities abound as you travel through diverse landscapes of meadows, lakes, and mountains.

CONSIDERATIONS:

This trail crosses West Eagle Creek twice in the first 2 1/2 miles. This creek crossing can be difficult in the spring and early summer when runoff is high. Be prepared for variations in trail terrain. There are many switchbacks and stream crossings on this trail before reaching Wonker Pass. After descending to the Minam River and hiking along the river for about 4 1/2 miles, you will begin the return trip, via Elk Creek (trail # 1944). You will have more switchbacks to Diamond Lake and Tombstone Lake, before reaching another pass, then descending to the trailhead. There are many opportunities for camping along the trail. There is parking at the trailhead. Vault toilets, stock loading ramps, hitch rails and picnic tables are also available at the trailhead. There is plenty of water along the route, but carrying drinking water is recommended.

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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: 35.2 mile loop

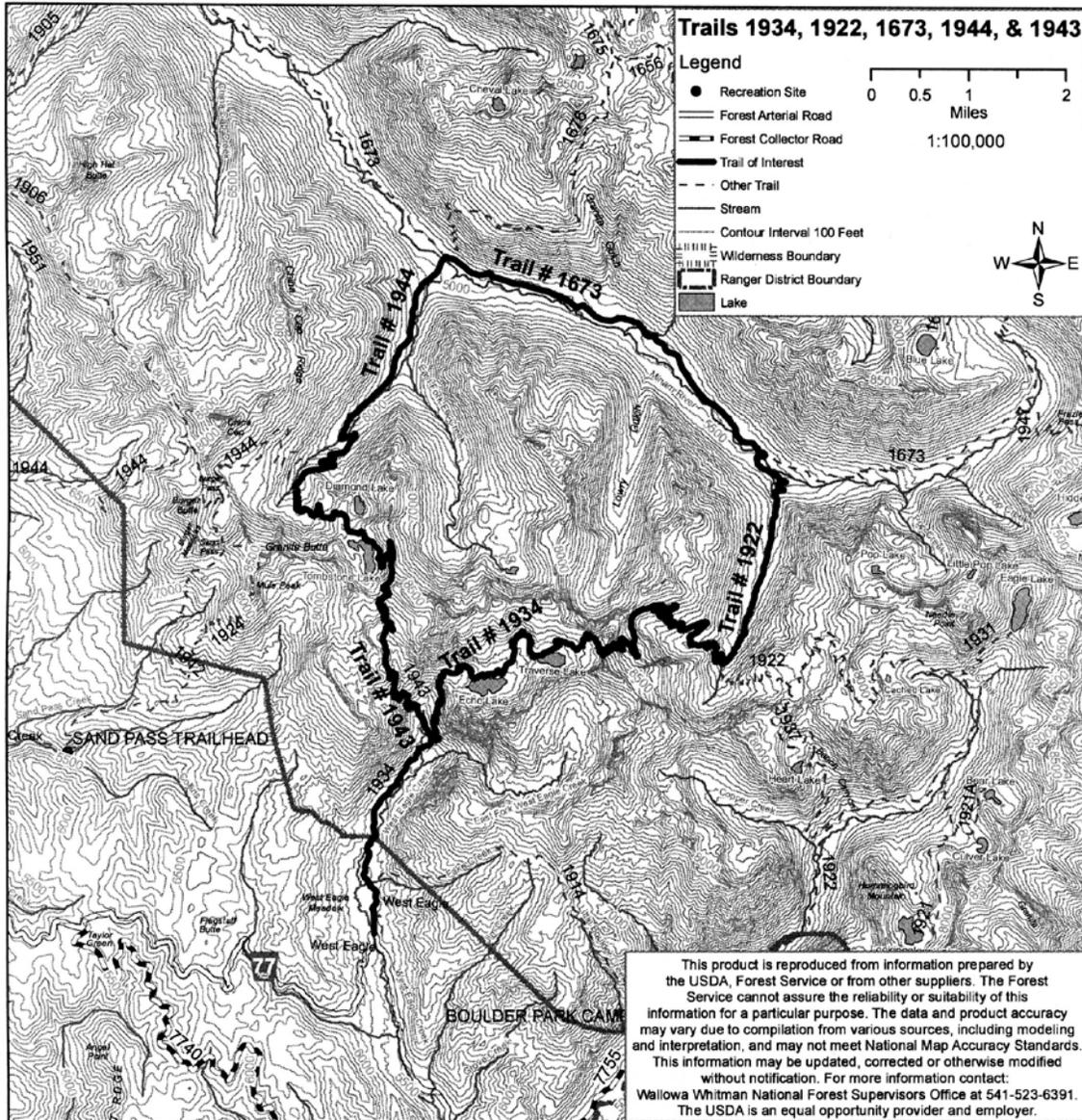
Restrictions: See Eagle Cap Wilderness Regulations

Difficulty: More difficult to most difficult

Recommended Season: Summer and fall

Elevation: West Eagle Trailhead 5,451'
Echo Lake 7,222'
Wonker Pass 8,500'
Junction Minam River Trail 5,318'
Tombstone Lake 7,421'

Use: Moderate



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Please refer to National Forest map for complete trail system.
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