



Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

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Eagle Cap Wilderness

**CHIEF JOSEPH MOUNTAIN
TRAIL #1803**

TRAIL BEGINNING:

**West Fork Wallowa River Trailhead
(Wallowa Lake)**

TRAIL ENDING:

Chief Joseph Basin

ACCESS:

From Enterprise Oregon, take State Highway #82 through Joseph and past Wallowa Lake. The trailhead is at the end of the road, approximately one mile past the lake. Parking is available at the trailhead along with a stock loading ramp and hitch rails. The trail is found by taking the West Fork of the Wallowa River Trail (#1820) 0.3 miles to the junction of the Chief Joseph Mountain Trail #1803.

ATTRACTIONS:

This route provides you excellent views of Wallowa Lake, the town of Joseph, Chief Joseph Mountain and Wallowa Valley. Fishing opportunities are available in B.C. Creek at approximately 1.5 miles from the trailhead. Grouse and Mule Deer are often seen in this area, as well as pikas in the rock outcrops. The Chief Joseph Trail climbs gradually through open meadows interspersed with lodgepole pine and alpine fir and an occasional waterfall to enjoy. Many wildflowers can be enjoyed in late June. The trail ends in a meadow overlooking the valley with Chief Joseph Mountain in the background.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Recreation Passes are NOT required at Wallowa Lake Trailheads.

Campsites are not available at the trailhead. Wallowa Lake State Park is nearby. Reservations are required at this state park during summer months. This trail is best for hikers and backpackers. Recreational stock is permitted, but it can be a difficult ride due to a brushy and narrow trail. The only good campsites are located at the end of the trail but water is not available. Be sure to carry water with you.

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Hells Canyon Boat Launch: 541-785-3395
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Length: 7 miles one-way

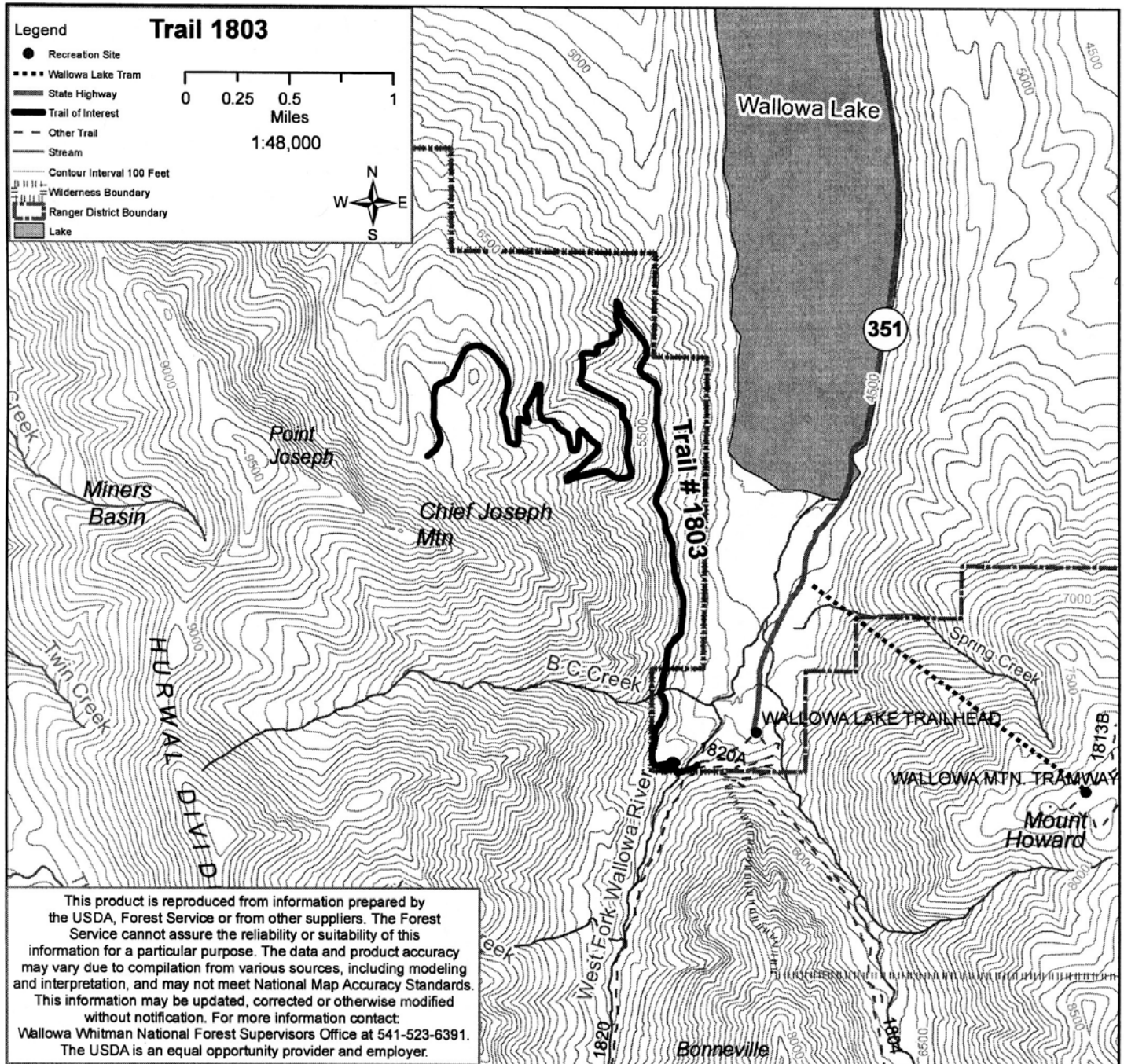
Restrictions: See Eagle Cap Wilderness Regulations.

Difficulty: More difficult

Recommended Season: Summer and fall

Elevation: Trailhead 4,646'
Chief Joseph Basin 7,420'

Use: Very heavy in summer, light in fall



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