

Umatilla National Forest
Recreation Opportunity Guide

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TRAILS

NORTH FORK UMATILLA TRAIL #3083

Trail Beginning: Umatilla Forks day use area (2350')

Trail Ending: Coyote Ridge (5000')

Access: 1) Lower Trailhead: Located 33 miles east of Pendleton on Umatilla River Road, approximately 11 miles east of Gibbon. You will continue past the Bar-M Ranch and the Corporation Guard station to the Umatilla Forks day use area. The trailhead is located at the end of the cul-de-sac.
2) Upper Trailhead: From State Highway 204, ½ mile west of the Tollgate Store, turn south onto Forest Service Road #3719. Follow this road to the 040 Road then turn right. The upper trailhead is located at the end of the 041 Road on Coyote Ridge near English Springs.

Restrictions: This trail is open to foot and horse traffic only since it is located within the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness.

Attractions & Considerations: Since horses are not allowed in the Umatilla Forks day use area, where the lower trailhead is located, horse users are required to use the Lick Creek trailhead to access the North Fork Trail. From the lower trailhead, the trail follows the North Fork of the Umatilla River. The lower trail gains 450' in the first 4 miles. This is the easiest part of the trail and is popular with anglers, backpackers, day hikers and horseback riders. The upper and more difficult portion of the trail climbs 2000' in 5.8 miles along a south-facing slope with sparse timber. This section of trail offers the least amount of encounters with other recreationalists, as well as an unobstructed view of the North Fork of the Umatilla drainage. Potable water and vault toilets are available at the lower trailhead. We encourage all horse traffic to access this by using the Lick Creek trailhead and then cutting over on a spur trail to the North Fork trail.

Length: 9.8 miles

Elevation Variance: 2350' – 5000'

USGS Quad Map(s): Bingham Springs
Andes Prairie

Recommended Season: March 1 to October 31

Use: Heavy

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

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