Umatilla National Forest
Recreation Opportunity Guide

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TRAILS

BUCK CREEK TRAIL #3073

Trail Beginning: Buck Creek Trailhead (2400').

Trail Ending: Lick Creek Trail (3200').

Access: 33 miles east of Pendleton on the Umatilla River Road, approximately 11 east of Gibbon, continue past the Bar-M Ranch to Corporation Guard Station until you reach the Umatilla Forest day use area. Cross the bridge past the campground and take the first left onto Forest Service Road #3200-045 which least to the Buck Creek Kiwanis Organization Camp. The trailhead is located at the end of the road. There is limited parking at this trailhead.

Restrictions: Horse trailers will need to be parked at the Corporation Trailhead.

Attractions & Considerations: *Since this trail is located on the North Fork of the Umatilla Wilderness area, this trail is open to foot and horse traffic only.* The trail follows Buck Creek for 3.5 miles, crossing the creek as many as 30 times as it winds through the forest. Users should exercise caution on creek crossing during the spring run-off periods.

The trail is easy going as it climbs only 800' to where it merges with Lake Creek Trail #3079. Lake Creek Trail continues approximately 2 more miles up the Lake Creek drainage before leaving the Wilderness area. Once the trail has left the wilderness area, it continues for another 2 miles until it reaches Forest Service Road #3150. This portion of the trail goes through clearcuts and burned areas. Potable water and vault toilets are available at the Umatilla Forks day use area.

Length: 3.5 miles
Elevation Variance: 2400' – 3200'
USGS Quad Maps: Bingham springs
Recommended Season: May 1 – October 1
Use: Light
Difficulty: More Difficult

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