

Umatilla National Forest
Recreation Opportunity Guide

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TRAILS

NINE MILE RIDGE TRAIL #3072

Trail Beginning: Buck Creek Trailhead (2400')

Trail Ending: Shamrock Springs (5100')

Access: 1) Lower Trailhead: Drive 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. Go across the bridge past the campground and take the first left onto Forest Service Road #3200-045, which leads to the Buck Creek Kiwanis Organization Camp. The trail takes off to the left about 100 yards before the end of the 045 Road.

2) Upper Trailhead: From State Highway 204, 8 miles south of Tollgate, and 14 miles north of Elgin, turn west of Forest Service Road #31 (Summit Road). Continue for 2 miles, then turn right on Forest Service Road #3100-320 and continue to Forest Service Road #3100-330 and turn left. Travel 2 more miles to Shamrock Springs, which is located at the end of the road. Neither the trail nor the trailhead is well marked, however it begins about 100 yards to the west of the springs.

Restrictions: Parking is limited at the Buck Creek Trailhead. Water from Shamrock Springs is **not** drinkable. This trail is open to foot and horse traffic only since it is located within the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness.

Attractions & Considerations: The first 2 miles of the trail are the most strenuous, climbing 1800'. On top of Nine Mile Ridge, the trail levels out and occasionally drops into saddles. This is a popular trail for horseback riders. Potable water and vault toilets are available at the Umatilla Forks day use area.

Length: 6.8 miles
Elevation Variance: 2400' – 5100'
USGS Quad Map(s): Bingham Springs
Andies Prairie
Recommended Season: March 1 to October 31
Use: Light
Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

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