

Photos of Baldy Lake Trail
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker District

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The once-glaciated Baldy Lake Basin is a pristine gem — unlogged, unroaded, with no recent fires.



Road 7345 officially ends on this big switchback, where one can park to avoid 4-wheel drive Road 400.



After walking Road 400 for 0.4 miles, the trail sign for Baldy Lake is found on the east side of the road.



Descending the steep trail into Baldy Creek canyon, one has wide views of the Elkhorn Range crest.



Remnants of an early-1900s power line from Fremont Powerhouse to Cable Cove can still be found here.



At 0.8 miles, the route joins the Baldy Creek Trail, which winds through old firs all the way to the lake.



Scenic Baldy Lake, at the base of Mount Ireland, is a spectacular destination for the 2.3 mile day hike.



The long moraine of car-sized granite boulders across the lake's outlet is a nice side trip.