

Photos of Buck Creek Trail
Umatilla National Forest - Walla Walla District

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The Buck Creek watershed is wild, roadless and diverse, with both moist and dry slope exposures.



The Buck Creek Trailhead is at the end of Road 45, at the entrance to the Kiwanis Organizational Camp.



The trail starts out in an old-growth, riparian douglas fir forest, with ferns, Oregon grape and thimbleberry.



At 0.5 miles, the trail descends to Buck Creek, where one can explore the edge of the burbling stream.



For the rest of the hike, the trails stays 50'-100' above the creek, with great views into the riparian forest.



At 2.6 miles, the canyon turns abruptly northeast, above magnificent 150'-tall cottonwood trees.



For the last mile, the north-facing hillside forests are a drier mix of larch, fir and ponderosa pine.



At 3.6 miles, just past Lake Creek, is a nice streamside campsite that makes a good day hike destination.