

Photos of Buck Creek Loop Hike
Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

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The Bench Trail starts at an unsigned rock cairn on Road 139, about 100 yards off Road 3965.



At 0.6 miles, the ridge splits and the route is cross-country down the left ridge to the viewpoint at its end.



From this first viewpoint, one can see deep into the interior of Hells Canyon to the reservoir at bottom.



The trail is faint through the burned forests of Buck Creek, but there are occasional blazes and log cuts.



North of Buck Creek, at the end of the ridge, multiple rock viewpoints are just a short walk from the trail.



These viewpoints have vistas deep into the contorted geology and topography of inner Hells Canyon.



The trail back to the rim is mostly on the ridge line, but gets steeper and more strenuous near the top.



Nearing the rim, there are long views back east to the snow-capped Seven Devils range in Idaho.