

**Photos of Cross Canyon Trail**  
Umatilla National Forest - Pomeroy District

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The Wenaha River has cut a 2,000'-deep canyon into the basalt plateau of the northern Blue Mountains.



The trailhead is along Forest Road 6217, about 2.7 miles north of its turnoff from Road 62.



Once past the wilderness boundary, the trail makes a long switchback north through a pure stand of larch.



At 0.3 miles, the trail emerges from the trees to wide views over the Wenaha and Butte Creek canyons.



For the next 1.5 miles, the trail descends dry, south-facing hillsides with a few juniper and ponderosa...



...and across several moister, north-facing slopes with mixed stands of douglas fir and larch.



At 2.3 miles, one comes to a nice overview of the Wenaha River. Look for bald eagles in the snags here.



A half mile further on, the trail arrives at the river's edge and ford under tall cottonwoods and douglas firs.