

Photos of Hells Canyon Area
Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

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The best feature of day hikes in Hells Canyon are the views — an immense, ever-changing grandeur.



In the south, the faces of the canyon vary from the relatively easy hike along the McGraw Rim...



...to the difficult Buck Creek Loop, with vistas down into the contorted geology of the inner canyon.



At mid-canyon, equally scenic but more moderate hikes can be enjoyed on the Summit Ridge Trail...



...and the Temperance Creek Trail, which descends 1,300' to these dark basalt, mid-canyon viewpoints.



Besides the views, there's plenty of local history, such as the Eureka Wagon Trail into the north canyon...



...and a variety of wildflowers that are abundant at higher elevations on the rim into mid-summer.



Day hiking in Hells Canyon can be challenging, due to the big elevation changes — but very rewarding.