

Photos of High Ridge Trail
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Eagle Cap District

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The Cougar Ridge Trailhead has a wide parking area and a self-issued Wilderness Permit box.



The trail to High Ridge branches right (north) at 0.2 miles, then skirts the edge of a recovering clear cut.



At 0.8 miles, the first vistas open up southwest over Sheep Ridge and the Minam River canyon beyond.



Just past a spring canyon at 1.4 miles, the now faint trail crosses a clearing to the shoulder of High Ridge.



For the next 2 miles, the trail hugs the west side of High Ridge, just below the thickly-forested crest.



The trail is mostly through open grasslands, but passes big ponderosas at intervals along the ridge.



Wildflowers abound in Spring, including blue and yellow lupine, orange paintbrush and white buckwheat.



At 3.8 miles, the ridge drops steeply to a rock outcrop with long vistas north — a good hike destination.