

Photos of North Fork John Day River Hike - West
Umatilla National Forest - North Fork John Day District

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The road is officially closed just past Oriental Creek CG, but ATVs and 4-wheelers occasionally still use it.



Throughout the hike, the road follows the north bank of the river, with nearly constant river views.



A massive log jam completely fills a side channel of the river at one point.



At 2.3 miles, flooding has washed out the roadway, now passable by hikers, horses and ATVs only.



Throughout the canyon, the road and river banks are lined with flowering mock orange in early July.



At 3.6 miles, the rough roadway ends and a footbridge over Big Creek starts the wilderness trail.



The wilderness trail is quite scenic as it follows along the north river bank through a winding canyon.



At 5.2 miles, a shady riverside flat below Corral Creek can make a nice hike destination.