

**Photos of Ninemile Ridge Trail**  
Umatilla National Forest - Walla Walla District

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Ninemile Ridge has several rounded and open viewpoints, each successively higher on the ridge line.



The route starts at the Buck Creek Trailhead, then goes 75 yards up this trail to an unsigned turnoff left.



For the first two miles, the trail ascends one long switchback through dry, south-facing slopes...



...and moister, north-facing slopes featuring stands of douglas fir with thick understory shrubs.



At 2.3 miles, one reaches the ridge line, with views up the South Fork Umatilla to Bobsled Ridge beyond.



The trail then turns east and follows the top of the ridge toward higher viewpoints.



As the route ascends the ridge, views open up north into the North Fork Umatilla watershed.



From the highest ridge points, one has panoramic vistas over the entire North Fork Umatilla Wilderness.