

Photos of South Fork Wenaha River Trail
Umatilla National Forest - Pomeroy District

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The South Fork Wenaha basin is shallow and north-facing, so it retains more moisture than its neighbors.



The trailhead and wilderness boundary is found at the north end of the Timothy Springs Forest Camp.



For the first two miles, the trail descends through a lush forest understory of ferns and alder thickets...



...plus numerous huge, old-growth grand firs that dominate the forest canopy overhead.



At 2.3 miles, the trail fords the 20'-wide, foot-deep South Fork Wenaha River over logs and slick rocks.



After the crossing, the canyon steepens dramatically and the trail contours 200' above the river below.



At 3.0 miles, the trail rounds steep rock bluffs, with views past basalt palisades deep into the wilderness.



At 3.2 miles is a shady grotto within the rock bluffs with water and cottonwoods — a nice hike destination.