

Photos of Squaw Creek Trail
Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, La Grande District

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The unsigned Squaw Creek Trail starts north up the bank off Road 100, 75 yards past a big switchback.



For the first mile, the trail climbs steeply, mostly through thick stands of douglas fir and true fir...



...but at intervals, snow avalanche chutes cleave the forest, giving vistas east of the China Cap ridge.



At 1.3 miles, the trail crosses meadows thick with Spring wildflowers, and views of the alpine ridge ahead.



At 1.6 miles, as the trail nears timberline, it makes a ford of Squaw Creek, amid colorful fireweed.



Past the ford, the trail ascends gradually through a broad alpine meadow, with striking Fall color.



As the trail climbs toward the pass at 2.8 miles, there are views back down canyon of Squaw Butte ridge.



Once on the alpine ridges above Squaw Creek, overland hiking is easy with Eagle Cap Wilderness views.