

**Photos of Carlson Creek Trail**  
Burns BLM District

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From the highway, the Carlson Creek canyon is mostly hidden from view by a range of low foothills.



Trailhead parking is at a flat near some isolated cottonwood trees, at the "Wilderness Boundary" sign.



The hike follows an old jeep road up the canyon and, after a quarter mile, passes through a gated fence.



For the first mile, the old road runs next to the streambed, which is densely packed with alder and willow.



After about 2 miles, the canyon widens into a broad basin, with wider views of the Andrews Rim ahead.



At about 3 miles, the road leaves the creek and makes a big switchback into the upper basin.



From high on the switchback, there are sweeping views of the Andrews Rim to the north.



The upper basin has many springs, wet meadows and shady aspen groves — a worthy hike destination.