

Photos of Guano Creek Hike
Lakeview BLM District

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The hike begins where the dry bed of Guano Creek crosses the main Guano Valley road.



The walking is easy along the grassy banks of the creek, past isolated pools of standing water.



After about a mile, one enters a magical canyon with vertical, lichen-covered rock walls.



On the highest cliffs here are a few stick nests (aeries) of golden eagles, made from sagebrush.



Past the cliffs, the canyon opens into a wide basin where juniper trees begin to appear along the creek — some of them logged years ago by the Shirk Ranch for fenceposts.



The further one hikes up the canyon, the more choked it becomes with huge junipers and fallen rocks...



...but there are still remnant water pools with tiny endangered fish (tui chub).



The easiest return route is the faint wagon road at left, built by the Shirk Ranch to haul cut juniper posts.