

Photos of Louse Canyon - North Hike
Vale BLM District

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The magical charms of Louse Canyon are almost completely hidden within the flat, dry Owyhee plain.



From the trailhead at Anderson Crossing, the hike starts on a short jeep road north into the canyon.



Very soon the canyon narrows and the only route is bashing through the willow thickets...



...and wading through the calf-deep pools in the streambed.



The rewards for pressing on into the canyon are dramatic and colorful, 300'-high rhyolite cliffs...



...deep beaver ponds that are wildlife magnets...



...and golden eagle aeries (stick nests) high on the cliff faces.



There really is no destination to this hike — one can keep going as long as curiosity and stamina allow.