

Photos of Louse Canyon - South Hike
Vale BLM District

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For the first mile south from Anderson Crossing, the hiking is easy in the dry, willow-lined streambed.



Above the confluence with Massey Canyon, the rock cliffs become steeper and the canyon narrows....



...and the only route through is to wade in the knee-deep water pools.



Look for golden eagle aeries here (stick nests), in recesses high on the cliff walls.



In the upper canyon, one often has to scramble along the banks to avoid the deepest pools...



...and bash through willow thickets that choke the streambed.



However, if one perseveres, the scenic rewards are plentiful...



...and the only limits to this hike are one's curiosity and stamina.