

Photos of Stonehouse Rim Hike
Burns BLM District

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Stonehouse Rim is a northern extension of the Steens escarpment, seen here from Mann Lake.



The road up Stonehouse Canyon is a 4-wheel drive track, passing under the "stonehouse" basalt rock.



Once on top, the trailhead is at the first cattle guard on the road to the south.



From this trailhead, the hike goes cross-country to the east, toward the two stone cairns up on the rim.



These twin stone cairns were built by Basque shepherders in the early 1900s.



Hiking south along the rim, one finds more cairns and panoramic views of the northern Alvord Desert.



The route along the rim is easy hiking over loose rock and low sagebrush.



After about 3 miles, there are great views south of the High Steens, Mann Lake and the Alvord Desert.