

Photos of the Upper Owyhee River Canyons
Vale BLM District

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North of Rome, the main Owyhee River has eroded a 1,000'-deep channel into the flat Owyhee plain.



Here below Lambert Rocks, the long drive to the trailhead and day hike to the river are well rewarded.



South of Rome, at Three Forks, the river can be reached over a rough road by a high-clearance vehicle.



From the Three Forks trailhead, it's a riverside hike through tall, cathedral rocks to warm spring pools.



The North Fork Owyhee canyon, a tributary to the main river, offers a rugged but satisfying day hike.



The West Little Owyhee River (aka Louse Canyon) is all but hidden within the vast sagebrush plain.



But once within Louse Canyon, a wonderland of vertical rhyolite cliffs, willows and water pools unfolds.



Before leaving the region, the colorful ash cliffs just north of Rome are worth a drive-by visit.