

Photos of Southeast Washington Area

April and May, 2013-2014



Repeated Ice Age megafloods, 15,000-18,000 years ago, eroded deep coulees through SE Washington.



Today, these coulees offer a variety of rugged desert hikes, from rimrock lakes such as Twin Lakes...



...to dry lake basins now dewatered by irrigation pumping, such as Lower Lake Creek coulee...



...to verdant streams and riparian corridors, such as Rock Creek and Crab Creek coulees.



A few coulees, such as Grand Coulee, combine dry scablands, wet marshes and lakes all at one site.



Surprises abound, from the views of Crab Creek and Saddle Mountains on the Dry Island hike...



...to the showcase of abundant desert wildflowers each Spring on the Billy Clapp Lake hike...



...to the spectacular, panoramic vistas of the free-flowing Columbia River on the White Bluffs Trail.