

Photos of White Bluffs Trail

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The unsigned trail starts at a grove of locust trees, then heads toward the bluffs to the north.



For the first half mile, the trail climbs across cheat grass slopes, with wildflowers in Spring.



The trail soon tops the bluffs, with spectacular views of the Columbia River and the White Bluffs ahead.



At 1.0 miles, the trail crosses the first sand dune, with bergmounds (ice-rafted rocks from Ice Age floods).



The trail then travels for another mile through sage steppe at the top of the scenic bluff edge.



At about 2 miles, the trail peters out in the extensive sand dunes, but walking is still easy cross-country.



At 2.4 miles, one finds the last hard ground on the bluffs above cattail marshes — a nice lunch spot.



Extending for another mile north along the bluffs, the high sand dunes can be interesting to explore.