

Photos of Granite Creek Trail
Umatilla National Forest, North Fork John Day District

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The trailhead is on a spur road off Forest Road 1035 and easily accessible by any passenger car.



For the first mile, the trail contours 200' above the stream, through open slopes with ponderosa pine.



The trail then enters the designated Wilderness Area and descends down to the side of Granite Creek.



At 2.0 miles, talus fields block the east canyon slope and the trail crosses the first of three footbridges.



For the next mile, the trail descends along the west side of the creek, beneath colorful rock ridges.



At 3.6 miles, the trail arrives at the confluence of Granite Creek and the North Fork John Day River.



To explore a bit further, one can cross the steel truss and wood footbridge over the river...



...and follow the river trail downstream for 0.3 miles to deep swimming pools below dramatic cliffs.