



Grayback Mountain

Recreation Opportunity Guide



Use Season: May-November (There is snow in the winter months and trails can become dangerous.)

Fees: None

Elevation: 5,000-7,050 ft. (2,055 ft. of elevation gain).

Length: 6 mi on BLM land. Connects to the Forest Service Boundary trail and the O'Brien Trail.

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Activities: Hiking, horseback riding.

Facilities: None

History and Visitor Information: At 7,050 ft., Grayback Mountain is the tallest peak in the Josephine County. Grayback got its name in the days of the Gold Rush. Miners were often irritated by lice, or "graybacks" and named the mountain accordingly. This trail began with an idea from the Rogue Group Sierra Club. With the help of the Forest Service, the community of Williams, and volunteers on Public Lands Day events, the Bureau of Land Management was able to construct the trail between 1989 and 2006.



Safety Concerns: Poison oak and ticks. Beware of loose rocks along the trail.

Location: T39S, R5W Section 15
Long. & Lat.: 42.09517, -123.31432

Driving Directions: Coming from the south: Take Highway 238 to Jacksonville and continue west, past Ruch, and into the Applegate Valley. Turn left onto Williams Highway at the Jackson/Josephine county line. Follow Williams Highway about 4 miles to a three-way intersection with Water Gap Road and turn left. Follow Water Gap Road through "downtown" Williams to a "Y" junction and turn left onto East Fork Road. Follow East Fork Road for about 3 miles to Rock Creek Road, which is also BLM Road 39-5-14. Continue up this road for approximately two miles until you reach a BLM sign. Park in the gravel pullout area.

From the North: Get off at the Grants Pass exit. Go south on US199 and turn left on SR238 towards Murphy and Applegate. The road forks, continue straight onto Water Gap Rd towards Williams. Take a left on East Forks Rd by the Williams Country Store. Take a right on Rock Creek Road, which is also BLM Road 39-5-14. Continue up this road for approximately two miles until you reach a BLM sign on your right. Park in the gravel pullout area.

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