

# COW CREEK BACK COUNTRY BYWAY

The Bureau of Land Management  
Roseburg District



## WELCOME TO COW CREEK BACK COUNTRY BYWAY!

Get ready for a beautiful drive through history on the winding 45-mile Cow Creek Back Country Byway. This rustic two-lane road is a great alternative to Interstate 5 and connects the towns of Riddle and Glendale. Along the byway are signs about the history of the long forgotten town of West Fork, the historic railroad, and gold mining. The Island Creek day-use area is a great stop to stretch your legs, pan for gold, or have a creek-side picnic during your drive. Skull Creek Campground is a free first-come, first served campground offering up to 5 sites for weary travelers.



## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- ✓ **THE RAILROAD** is still active and follows the original Oregon and California Railroad Company grade built in 1869.
- ✓ **BE RESPECTFUL** and do not trespass on private mining claims marked along the creek. And stay alert on the blind corners as logging trucks are common.
- ✓ Portions of the surrounding forest land were burned in the **DOUGLAS COMPLEX FIRE** in 2013.

## DIRECTIONS

From I-5 north, Exit 103 (Riddle) and head west on Riddle Bypass Road, eventually turning into the Byway route. From I-5 south, Exit 80 (Glendale) and follow county road 263 to county road 39, and finally county road 164, which becomes the Cow Creek Road.

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## POINT OF INTEREST

Spring is the best time to view wildflowers. In summer, visitors can swim, fish, and pan for gold in Cow Creek. In autumn, enjoy the glorious changing foliage and the elusive salmon spawning.



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## LEGEND

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|  | Information Kiosk    |  | Trailhead          |
|  | Campsite             |  | Back Country Byway |
|  | Day Use/Rest Area    |  | Interstate         |
|  | Gold Panning         |  | State Highway      |
|  | Historical Town Site |  | Other Pave Road    |
|  | Scenic Viewpoint     |  | State Land         |
|  | Boat Ramp            |  | BLM                |

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