

Birch Creek
45° 55' 33.94" N, 116° 44' 58.72" W

River Mile 7.2

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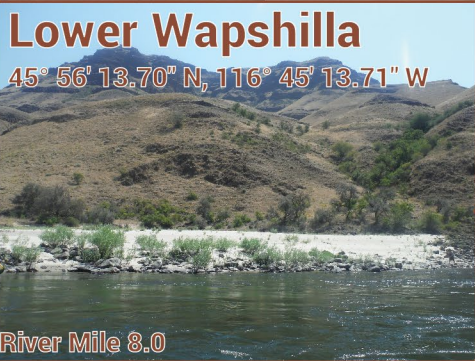
This area features classic vertical columnar basalt and a stunning view of Rattlesnake Ridge to the east.



River Mile 7.7

Steep Beach

45° 55' 59.85" N, 116° 45' 18.30" W



Lower Wapshilla

45° 56' 13.70" N, 116° 45' 13.71" W

River Mile 8.0

Wapshilla Creek

This creek is named after a family of Nez Perce Indians who once lived in this area. Jackson Sundown, a Nez Perce who became a world champion rodeo rider in 1916 at the age of 53, worked on the ranch in this drainage. There is an easy walk to a historic ranch located 3/4 mile up Wapshilla Cr.

Extensive evidence of past hydraulic mining activity is visible on river-left. Ash deposited by the ancient Mount Mazama eruption 6,700 years ago as well as ash from the Mount St. Helens eruption 36,000 years ago is also visible here. The Mt. Mazama ash is very near the top of the cutbank.

River Mile 8.5



Upper Wapshilla

45° 56' 40.58" N, 116° 45' 18.61" W

Mile 8

Sundown Surf Wave

Wapshilla

Wapshilla II

This rapid, which features a sharp, turbulent right turn at the bottom, requires some maneuvering.

Mile 9