

STERLING MINE DITCH TRAIL

The Bureau of Land Management
Medford District



WELCOME TO STERLING MINE DITCH TRAIL!

Take a trip back in time on the historic Sterling Mine Ditch Trail. The ditch carried water from the Little Applegate River to operate hydraulic giants used on Sterling Creek for gold mining. Construction of the 26.5-mile-long ditch in 1877 employed up to 400 workers, many of them Chinese laborers. Today, the ditch is used by hikers, trail runners, equestrians, and mountain bikers of all ages and abilities. The trail passes through oak and ponderosa pine woods, madrone groves, fir forests, and open grassy areas with excellent views of the mountains and Little Applegate River. The spring wildflower show is spectacular!



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- ✓ **OPEN YEAR ROUND** for hikers and trail runners. Equestrians and mountain bikers should avoid using the trail after significant rains. Wolf Gap trailhead is closed to mountain bikes year-round. No Fees. Day use only.
- ✓ **SEVEN TRAILHEADS** allow for trips of various lengths. Restrooms and water are not available; carry your own water.
- ✓ **DOGS** are allowed and must be under control. Respect private property and stay on trails.
- ✓ **WATCH FOR** ticks, poison oak, rattlesnakes, and other trail users.

DIRECTIONS

From Jacksonville, follow Highway 238 for 7.6 miles; turn left on Upper Applegate Road. After 2.8 miles, turn left on Little Applegate Road. Drive 3 miles to intersection with Sterling Creek Road. To access the Bear Gulch, Tunnel Ridge, and Little Applegate trailheads, continue on Little Applegate Road. To access the Grub Gulch, Deming Gulch, Armstrong Gulch, and Wolf Gap trailheads, turn left on Sterling Creek Road.

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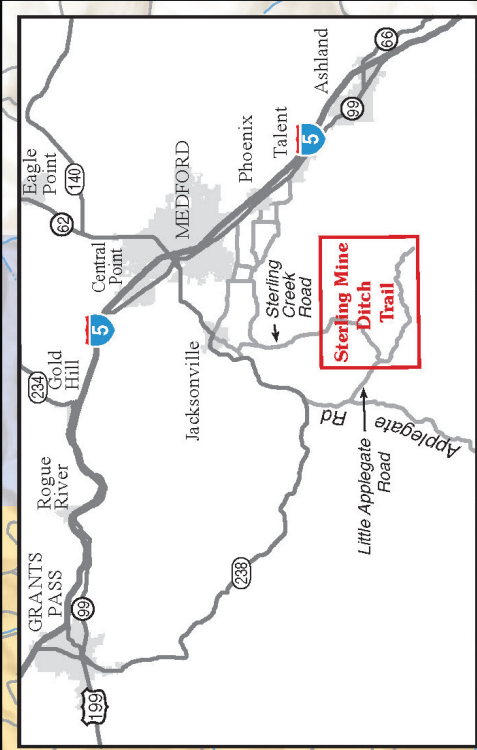
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POINT OF INTEREST

The trail is maintained with help from the Siskiyou Upland Trails Association (SUTA) and community volunteers. Visit SUTA's Web site to see how you can help: sutaoregon.org



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LEGEND

	Sterling Mine Ditch Trail (Hike, Equestrian and Bicycle)
	Access Trail
	Trail Mileage
	BLM
	Private or Other
	Trailhead
	Horse Trailer Parking
	No Bicycles Allowed
	Paved Road
	Access Route
	Other Road

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