

Apple Trail -- Trail #817

ACCESS: West end: From Paulina, continue east on Paulina-Suplee Highway 3½ miles to Beaver Creek Road. Turn north (left) onto Beaver Creek Road 7½ miles to Forest Road 42. Follow FR #42 1.5 miles to FR #3810. Take FR #3810 6.5 miles to FR #38 at the end of FR #3810. Turn east (right) onto FR #38, following it 4 miles to FR #3820. Take FR #3820 2 miles to the unmarked trailhead at Mascall Corrals (historic site of sheep sorting pens no longer in existence). Roadside parking is available.

DESCRIPTION: Apple Trail parallels ridge routes followed by the historic Mascall Stock Driveway and the Paulina-Dayville Wagon Road (Apple Road) through open grass and shrubland, and mixed conifer forest. Most grades are moderate, with some steep pitches. Trail is maintained every year to primitive standards. Horse travelers can plan loop trips of various lengths using other trails and lightly traveled forest roads to return to their starting point. Use caution when sharing roads with motor vehicles.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 6.4 miles

ELEVATION (low): 5600 feet

ELEVATION (high): 6580 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: More Difficult

Back Trail -- Trail #818

ACCESS: Back Trail is planned as a connecting route between Apple and Cottonwood Trails. Its west end is at the east end of Apple Trail #817 and its east end is at the north end of Cottonwood Trail #819. Vehicle access can be gained from Forest Road #3850: From Paulina, travel 13 miles toward Rager Ranger Station. Turn north (left) at Sugar Creek Day Use Area onto Forest Road #5810. Travel 10½ miles on #5810 to FR #38. Turn east (right) on FR #38 for 2½ miles

to FR #3850. Turn north (left) onto FR #3850 and follow it 3 miles to the unmarked trailhead. CAUTION: Forest Road #3850 is a primitive road not suitable for trailers or low-clearance vehicles. There is limited turn-around and parking space at trailhead, and road may not be passable to 4x4 in wet conditions.

DESCRIPTION: Back Trail descends in to the Cottonwood Creek drainage along ridge systems parallel to Back Creek through open ponderosa pine forest and mahogany thickets, to end in dense mixed conifer forest as it approaches Cottonwood Creek. Trail gradient ranges from relatively gentle to moderately steep.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 4.7 miles

ELEVATION (low): 3500 feet

ELEVATION (high): 5600 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: Most Difficult

Barnhouse Trail -- Trail #813

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 26 to Forest Road #12 – 13 miles east of Mitchell and 25 miles west of Dayville. Take Forest Road #12 5 miles south to Barnhouse Campground. Trailhead is in the southwest corner of the campground, marked by a sign near a small wood footbridge. Campsites, toilets, and limited parking for day use are available in the campground.

DESCRIPTION: Barnhouse Trail makes a relatively gentle climb across steepening terrain for 2.4 miles to connect with Fry Trail #816. The trail passes through managed mixed conifer and ponderosa pine forest with recent timber harvest activities and roads evident. From the junction with Fry Trail, Forest Road #2630 is about 1 mile to the south (uphill) and Keeton Trail #815 is about 1 mile to the north (downhill). Trail is maintained every year to primitive standards.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 2.4 miles

ELEVATION (low): 5140 feet

ELEVATION (high): 5400 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: More Difficult

Boeing Field Trail -- Trail #820A

ACCESS: From Paulina, travel 13 miles toward Rager Ranger Station. Turn north (left) at Sugar Creek Day Use Area onto Forest Road #5810. Travel 9.5 miles on #5810 to Boeing Field Trailhead. Trailhead is signed and marked by an information board/trail register. There is limited roadside and off road parking. One small, unimproved campsite is located across Road #5810 from the trailhead.

DESCRIPTION: This short 0.5 mile trail provides access to Black Canyon Trail #820 a little earlier and later in the year than the higher elevation #820 trailhead at Dusty Camp. Forest Road #5810 is also more suitable for use by passenger vehicles and trailers than Forest Road #5840 to Dusty Camp Trailhead. Trail is maintained every year to primitive standards.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 0.5 miles

ELEVATION (low): 5680 feet

ELEVATION (high): 5900 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: More Difficult

Black Canyon Trail -- Trail #820

ACCESS: Dusty Camp Trailhead is at the west end of Trail #820. From Paulina, travel 11 miles toward Rager Ranger Station to Forest Road #58. Follow FR #58 11 miles through Rager Ranger Station to FR #5840, then 6 miles on FR #5840 to Mud Spring Campground. Continue on FR #5840 an additional 3.7 miles to Dusty Camp Trailhead. Trailhead is signed. There is a small,

unimproved parking area and one unimproved campsite located near the trailhead. Forest Road #5840 beyond Mud Spring Campground is unsuitable for two-wheel drive vehicles when wet, and is not recommended for low clearance vehicles or trailers at any time. South Fork Trailhead is at the east end of Trail #820. Travel US Highway 26 to Dayville. Turn south on Grant Co. Road 42. Approximately 9 miles out of Dayville, Grant Co. Road 42 takes a right fork to a dead end. Take the left fork onto the South Fork Road for an additional 3 miles to the South Fork Trailhead. The South Fork Road continues to Forest Road #58 and Rager Ranger Station, and to Grant Co Highway 67 west of Izee. Trailhead is signed and marked by an information board/trail register. There is a small, developed parking area. Two small, unimproved campsites are located near the trailhead. Trail #820 may also be accessed from Boeing Field Trailhead on Forest Road #5810 via Trail #820A. < The better standard road to Trail #820A is more suitable for use by low clearance vehicles

DESCRIPTION: This scenic trail follows parallel to Owl Creek and Black Canyon Creek for the length of the wilderness, descending from near the summit of Wolf Mountain to the South Fork of the John Day River. The generally moderate trail gradient passes through a diverse mosaic of open ponderosa pine forest, dense mixed conifer forest, small meadows, shrubby streambanks, and open grassy slopes, ending in a narrow canyon between basalt cliffs. Trail #820 connects with all other developed trails in the wilderness, although some trail junctions are not marked. Undeveloped trailside campsites are most suitable for small groups. Some parties can make a one-way through trip in a single day by shuttling vehicles, but less ambitious day trips are generally more



relaxing. There are no bridges at stream crossings. Numerous wet fords of Black Canyon Creek are required, especially on the easternmost three miles of trail and at the trailhead crossing of the South Fork of the John Day River. River crossing in spring high water conditions can be extremely hazardous, and should not be attempted. Travel cautiously, and be alert for close encounters with rattlesnakes, black bear, mountain lions, and other wildlife – especially in dense vegetation. Trail is maintained every year to primitive standards.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 11.7 miles

ELEVATION (low): 2850 feet

ELEVATION (high): 6350 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: Most Difficult

Fry Trail -- Trail #816

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 26 to Forest Road #12 – 13 miles east of Mitchell and 25 miles west of Dayville. Take Forest Road #12 5 miles south to Barnhouse Campground. Continue on FR #12 2¼ miles past the campground to Forest Road #2630. Take FR #2630 for 2 miles to the poorly marked Fry Trailhead on the north side of the road. Limited roadside parking is available.

DESCRIPTION: Fry Trail descends steeply into the Fry Creek drainage through mostly dense mixed conifer forest. Fry Trail connects to the west end of Barnhouse Trail #813 about 1 mile from the trailhead, and ends at the east end of Keeton Trail about 1 mile further. Closed Forest Road #1280 a short distance from the end of Fry Trail leads to Barnhouse Campground. Trail is maintained every year to primitive standards.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 2.0 miles

ELEVATION (low): 4550 feet

ELEVATION (high): 5830 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: Most Difficult

Keeton Trail -- Trail #815

ACCESS: Travel US Highway 26 to Forest Road #12 – 13 miles east of Mitchell and 25 miles west of Dayville. Take Forest Road #12 5 miles south to Barnhouse Campground. Continue on FR #12 2¼ miles past the campground to Forest Road #2630. Take FR #2630 for 5 miles to the poorly marked Keeton Trailhead on the north side of the road (about 2 miles west of the junction of Forest Roads 2630 x 3000-800). Roadside parking is available.

DESCRIPTION: Keeton Trail passes through a variety of dense and open mixed conifer forest with pockets of ponderosa pine. There are areas of recent and older timber harvest intermixed with unlogged areas. After relatively gentle rolling terrain for the first ¼ mile, the trail begins to descend steeply into the Keeton Creek drainage. A steep climb follows the crossing of Keeton Creek, then another descent along an abandoned road into the Fry Creek drainage to meet the north end of Fry Trail #816. From the east end of Keeton Trail, Forest Road #2630 is a steep 2 mile climb up Fry Trail and Barnhouse Campground is approximately 3½ miles west on Fry and Barnhouse Trails. Closed Forest Road #1280 also leads to Barnhouse Campground from a short distance up Fry Trail. Trail is maintained every year to primitive standards.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 6.4 miles

ELEVATION (low): 4550 feet

ELEVATION (high): 5850 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: Most Difficult

South Prong Trail -- Trail #821

ACCESS: From Paulina, continue east on Paulina-Suplee Highway 3½ miles to Beaver Creek Road. Turn north (left) onto Beaver Creek Road 7½ miles to Forest Road 58. Follow Forest Road 58 for 11 miles to Forest Road 5840, then 6 miles on Forest Road 5840, and ½ mile on Forest Road 5840-400 to Mud Spring Campground. Mud Spring Trailhead for South Prong Trail is in the northeast corner of the campground, marked by signs and an information board/trail register. Mud Spring Campground offers developed campsites, toilets, and stock pens.

DESCRIPTION: South Prong Trail climbs a relatively gentle grade for approximately three miles, contouring through mixed conifer and ponderosa pine forest on high terrain to a fenceline just east of Crowbar Spring. Then the trail begins a steep descent into Black Canyon, dropping 1600 vertical feet in two miles, primarily through dense mixed conifer forest, to join Black Canyon Trail #820 at Big Ford. In the summer of 2002, the 747 Fire burned in much of Black Canyon Wilderness. Stabilization and repair of fire and suppression damage to the trail is continuing. Be alert for loose footing, holes, and falling snags.

FEE: No Trailhead Fees

LENGTH: 5.5 miles

ELEVATION (low): 3550 feet

ELEVATION (high): 4950 feet

SEASON: Summer and Fall

DIFFICULTY: Most Difficult

Please contact the Forest Service at (541) 416-6500 regarding the current conditions of the horse trails. For more information and trail maps go to <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation>

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