

Route to Bear River Trail Head – BNF East of Idaho City

A) Edna Creek Camp ground > FR 384 > FR 348 > Bear River Tail Head (C) 18.4 Miles



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Trail 197 – Jenny Lake / Trail 171 Bear River

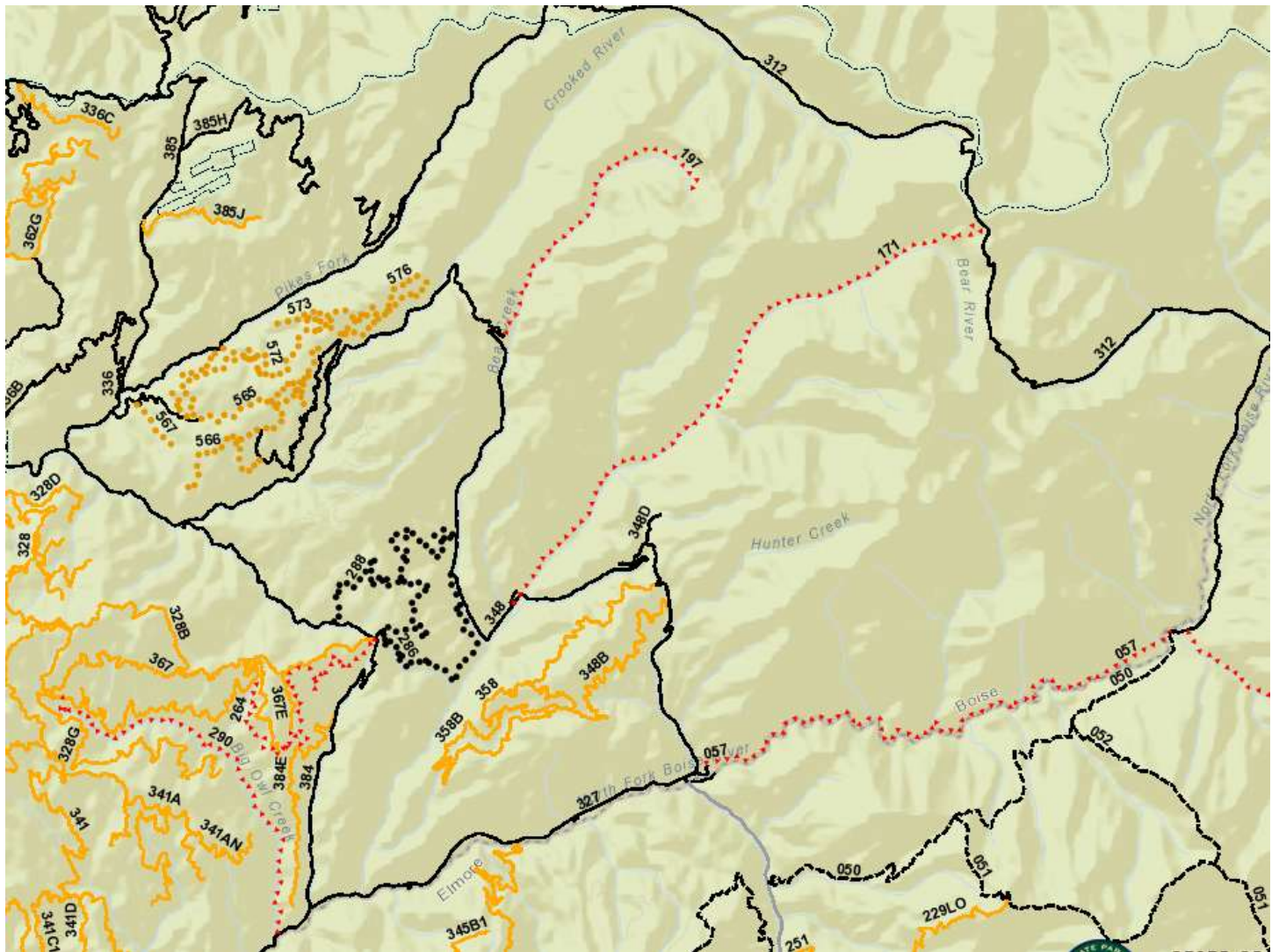
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Routes:

NAME	JENNY LAKE
JURISDICTION	FS - FOREST SERVICE
SEASONAL	yearlong
AUTOMOBILE	
JEEP	
UTV	
ATV	
MOTORCYCLE	
MILES	4.27

Routes:

NAME	BEAR RIVER
JURISDICTION	FS - FOREST SERVICE
SEASONAL	yearlong
AUTOMOBILE	
JEEP	
UTV	
ATV	
MOTORCYCLE	
MILES	8.75





### Jennie Lake Trail #197



The entire trail is suitable for the whole family or elderly folks with a travel time as short as 2 hours for the ambitious hiker. There are no creek crossings, but there are several places where springs cross the trail tread. All of them can be easily stepped over. Going through the last meadow, the trail leaves the creek quite a ways before circling back around the lake. Cairns are in place throughout the meadow, so the trail is easily located as one travels. There are several locations along the trail where the creek is nearby, making for enjoyable rest spots. A elevation stream ecosystems through forested areas, meadows, and finally the high alpine lake environment. The lake provides opportunities for fishing with its population of trout species. Several dispersed camp sites are located around the lake's perimeter, some with existing fire rings. There is a large camp site on the far side of the lake, large enough for groups of 15-20 with several small tents. There are places for pack animals or horses to graze, but keeping them away from the delicate shoreline is essential. Water is not suitable for drinking without prior treatment. Please select a spot at least 100' from the lake and any other open water for human waste and waste water.

GPS 43.99332 -115.45215

### Bear River Trail #171

This trail is located in the eastern portion of the Boise National Forest. The trail follows the narrow glacial valley of the headwaters of Bear River. Vegetation varies greatly, from dry ponderosa pine to sub-alpine fir and white bark pine. The lower portion of the trail was severely impacted by the 1994 Boise River wildfires, where most of the trees were killed. The scenery becomes increasingly more interesting as one goes up the trail; Bear River runs between 8,800 foot ridgelines with 8,870 foot Wolf Mountain on north side and 8,900 foot Shephard Peak at its headwaters. Use is currently light; expect to have the whole valley to yourself, except in the fall when hunting parties ride horses in to set up camps and pack out big game.

Length 10.2 miles GPS 43.9498 -115.44552 Elevation 5000 - 8062

<p><b>Current Conditions:</b></p>	<p>Trail conditions vary. The lower 3 miles are in good condition. Most mountain bikers will stop at or before the first crossing on Bear River. As the trail passes through the steep canyon area, conditions are at times poor due to water outwashes from side drainages; the trail is frequently damaged in the depositional (flat) areas of these outwashes. You may have to look ahead to determine where the trail is likely to exit these outwashes. One particularly difficult section occurs about 1 mile from the upper end, where the trail follows a steep finger ridge leading away from the valley floor. (a reroute is scheduled). Horse riders should exercise caution on this steep section. The last mile to the Graham Road is in good condition.</p>
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SUGGESTED INTERESTS- This country is as close to wilderness without actually being in one (the area is being considered for addition to the Sawtooth Wilderness). Enjoy the scenery.

- Intermediate level mountain bikers will find the first 3 miles rideable.
- The secluded, scenic area offers a great getaway area with unlimited camping spots (undeveloped).
- Fish for pan-sized rainbow trout in pristine Bear River. This is bull trout country; you must release all bull trout.
- This is mountain goat country and with binoculars and a little luck, you may see them on the steep, rocky faces. Also expect to see mule deer and elk on the valley floor.
- See the rebirth of the ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine forests in the burn area