

Little Jack Creek Wilderness Trail Head

23.5 Miles from Grand View, ID

GPS 42.752063, -116.295553





Future trail head





Introduction

The United States Congress designated the Little Jacks Creek Wilderness ([map](#)) in 2009 and it now has a total of [50,930 acres](#). All of this wilderness is located in [Idaho](#) and is managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The Little Jacks Creek Wilderness is bordered by the [Big Jacks Creek Wilderness](#) to the southeast.

Description

The Little Jacks Creek Wilderness includes a basalt dome covered by sagebrush and grass. Magnificent 1,000-foot canyons tower over meandering creeks that provide outstanding high-desert scenery, solitude and many recreational opportunities best enjoyed from September through mid-November. The perennial streams and dense riparian vegetation attracts mule deer, sage grouse and mountain quail.

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Little Jacks Creek

Little Jacks Creek is located in the Little Jacks Wilderness and flows through a multi-tiered, 1,000-foot-deep basalt canyon system. The narrow, winding stream provides habitat for redband trout, and the area offers excellent opportunities for viewing wildlife, especially bighorn sheep.

Scenic

Canyons along Little Jacks Creek are dominated by a mixture of high, vertical lines and forms of coarse-textured, red, brown, or blackish eroded cliffs, often glazed with yellow to light green micro-flora. Intertwined with the vertical features are some very steep diagonal lines that frame triangular forms associated with talus slopes. Slopes have a mosaic of medium-textured, yellow and subdued green sagebrush-bunchgrass and/or dark green juniper, and medium-textured, reddish rhyolite rubble fields and/or coarse-textured, blackish basalt rubble fields.

Although basalt and rhyolite canyon/riparian associations are seen in many areas of southwest Idaho, the associations found on Little Jacks Creek and other designated Owyhee, Bruneau and Jarbidge segments are among the best representations of this landscape in the region.

Wildlife

The Little Jacks Creek and surrounding wilderness provide habitat for mountain quail, sage hens, mountain lions, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, bobcats, coyotes and bighorn sheep. Common large and mid-sized predators in the area include cougars, bobcats, coyotes, badgers and raccoons. Small mammals include rodents (mice, kangaroo rats, voles, squirrels and chipmunks), rabbits, shrews, bats, weasels and skunks.

Bird in the area include songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. Other wildlife includes several snake and lizard species, as well as a few amphibians (frogs, toads and salamanders).

Little Jacks Creek is included in the area of Preliminary Priority Habitat for greater sage-grouse. Additional Idaho BLM sensitive species include the bald eagle, yellow-billed cuckoo, prairie falcon ferruginous hawk, several neotropical migratory bird species, several bat species, Columbia spotted frog and western trout. Cliffs support spotted and Townsend's big-eared bats, both Idaho BLM sensitive species.