

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY GUIDE

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Payette Trail #970

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LENGTH:	9.2 miles (one way)
SEASON:	All Season
LEVEL OF USE:	Medium
ELEVATION:	2000 feet (contours Applegate Lake)
CONNECTING TRAILS:	Outdoor Study Trails Calsh Trail #971, Sinns Bar Trail #972, Osprey Trail #973, Prospector's Loop Trail #974

Trail Information: The Payette Trail parallels the eastern shoreline of the Applegate Lake, contouring just above the reservoir's high water mark. Several connecting trails provide opportunities for alternate loops. Additionally, two walk-in campgrounds are located along the route; Harr Point Campground and Tipsu Tyee Campground.

Beginning at the French Gulch Trailhead, the trail contours above the French Arm of the Applegate Lake. Passing through a mixed-conifer and hardwood forest, the trail continues along the shoreline for 3.5 miles to the French Gulch Trailhead parking area.

From the parking area, cross the bridge and follow the driveway south for 400 feet to rejoin the Payette Trail on the right. From this location, Harr Point Campground is 0.5 mile, Tipsu Tyee Campground is 1.5 miles, and Manzanita Trailhead is 5.7 miles. Great views of Applegate Lake, Kinney and Collings Mountains are offered on this section of trail, where vine maple, black oak, and madrone are the dominant tree species.

Access Point #1 (French Trailhead): From Ruch, OR, travel south on Upper Applegate Road for 14.8 miles, and turn left onto French Gulch Road (County Road 959). Crossing the dam, proceed for 1 mile to the French Gulch Trailhead.

Access Point #2 : From French Gulch Trailhead, continue on FS Road 1075 for 2 miles to FS Road 100, and turn right. Proceed 0.5 mile to the large parking area on the left.

Access Point #3 (Manzanita Trailhead): From Ruch, OR, travel south on Upper Applegate Road for 18.8 miles to the junction with Carberry Creek Road (County Road 777) and turn left (southeast). Continue 1 mile to FS Road 1041 (Manzanita Creek Road). Turn left and proceed 2 miles to the trailhead. Parking is available in a cul-de-sac at the end of the road, next to the gate.

Attractions and Considerations:

Fall foliage colors can be glorious on portions of this trail, when the vine maple and black oaks turn colors.

This trail is not designed for use by horses, motorized bikes or ATVs. As this is a multi-user trail, prepare to yield to other user groups. Use caution on blind corners.

Prepare for your hike! Carry plenty of water, as there is no water along this trail.



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