TRAIL 2 to 3 Day Trip

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest

Wallowa Mountains Visitor Center 201 East 2nd Street P.O. Box 905 Joseph, OR 97846 (541) 426-5546 www.fs.usda.gov/wallowa-whitman Eagle Cap Wilderness

SOUTH FORK IMNAHA TRAIL #1816 to #1820

TRAIL BEGINNING:

Indian Crossing Trailhead

TRAIL ENDING:

Hawkins Pass or Frazier Lake

ACCESS:

Take State Highway #350 from Joseph, OR. Drive approximately 8 miles, turn right onto Forest Road #39 (Wallowa Mountain Loop Road). Travel approximately 40 miles and turn right onto Forest Road #3960. It is approximately 10 miles to Indian Crossing Campground and Trailhead.

ATTRACTIONS:

The trail follows the South Fork of the Imnaha River and provides numerous access points to other trails. This is a well maintained trail with easy grades through open pine forest. The area known as the "Blue Hole" is two miles from the trailhead. Look for a long, deep pool running through sheer rock walls. The hike to the "Blue Hole" is an excellent day hike and fishing is good in this area.

As you follow the trail towards Hawkins Pass and/or Frazier Lake you will be traveling through a valley with mountains rising up on both sides of the trail. As you reach Hawkins Pass the elevation dramatically increases as you hike this 8,330 foot granite mountain. A panoramic view awaits you at the top of Hawkins Pass. Dropping in elevation, you will encounter switchbacks on your way to Little Frazier Lake.

Indian Crossing Campground has a water pump and vault toilets. There are also many opportunities for dispersed camping along the trail.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Northwest Forest Passes are required at the Indian Crossing trailhead.

The route is adequately signed. The bridge on the South Fork Imnaha Trail (#1816) was replaced in 1998 and is again open for stock animals. This trail gets steep heading up Hawkins Pass and you will want to carry water for this portion of the trail. Hunting Season begins in the fall. Parking is available at the trailhead along with a loading ramp and hitch rail for stock.

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Hells Canyon Boat Launch: 541-785-3395

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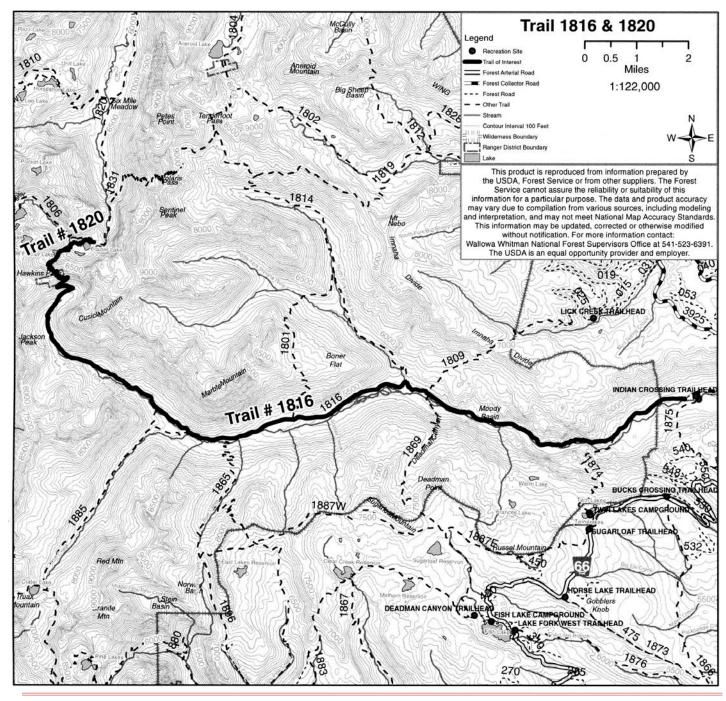
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Length: 17.3 miles one-way Restrictions: See Eagle Cap Wilderness Regulations

Difficulty: Easy to more difficult Recommended Season: Summer and fall

Elevation: Indian Crossing 4,526'

Hawkins Pass 8,330' Frazier Lake 7,1 Use: Medium in summer and fall



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