

Wilson Creek Trail System

*Non-Motorized Trails for
Hikers, Mountain Bikers, and
Equestrians*

Established in 2007, the Wilson Creek Trail System features 80 miles of non-motorized trails across 28,800 acres on the Owyhee Front.

Visitors can explore scenic canyons, sand washes, and single-track routes offering diverse hiking, biking, and equestrian experiences.

Of the 80 miles, 78 are open to all non-motorized users, with 2 miles limited to hiking and horseback riding.



Which Trails Can I Use?

Mountain Bikes must stay on numbered trails and roads.

E-bikes and other motorized vehicles must stay on designated roads.

Hikers and equestrians are not restricted to numbered trails but are encouraged to use existing paths.

Unmarked, unnumbered trails are closed to all motorized and mechanized users.



**Wilson Creek Trail System
Geo-Referenced Map**

Road & Trail Markers

Non-motorized trails are marked with 3-digit numbers following the letter "W".

Roads that are open to all users are marked with 4 or 5-digit numbers.



Roads 37163

Trails W100

Trail Etiquette

Be Safe and Respect Resources

Equestrians always have the right of way. Bicyclists should yield to hikers.



In general, trail users going downhill should yield to any uphill trail users.

Avoid riding or hiking on muddy trails and roads.

Leave gates as found.

Keep children close and supervised.

Dogs should be leashed or under your control at all times.

Avoid close contact with wild horses.

Be respectful of livestock that share the trails in spring. Do not harass cows or push them along trails.

Be respectful of all wildlife.

If you can pack it in, you can pack it out.



At the Parking Lot



Parking is available at 2 trailheads on Wilson Creek Road.

Park vehicles perpendicular to the outer edge of the upper parking lot.

Leave at least 15 feet on both sides and behind all horse trailers.

Leave the middle of the upper lot open for horse trailers.

Always ask if you can approach horses and never approach horses from behind when they are tied to a trailer.

Use only certified weed-free hay outside your trailer.

Clean up after your horses and dogs in the parking lot.

Do not shoot within ¼ mile of trailheads.

Take all waste and trash home with you.

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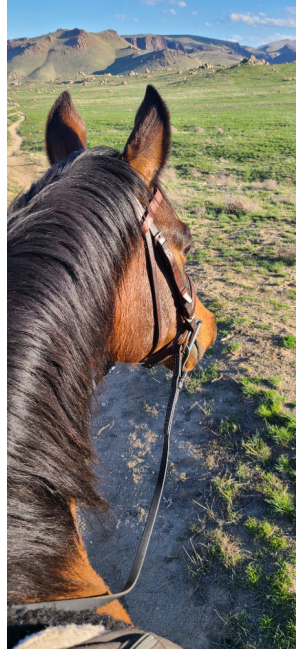
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Tips for Sharing Trails

Hikers and Bicycles encountering horses:



STOP and step to the downhill side of the trail. Stopping allows time for the horse riders to calm their horses.

DON'T HIDE A horse might think you are a predator if you are behind a tree or boulder.

SPEAK A human voice helps the horses to identify you as a person, and may keep them calm.

LISTEN A rider might give instructions if they have a horse that spooks or is uneasy about your presence.

When approaching from behind a horse:

Announce your presence well in advance.

Do not approach or pass from behind unless the rider tells you it is safe.

Proceed at a slow, steady pace and avoid making any sudden movements or sounds that may startle the horse.

Motorized Users:

SLOW DOWN, COMMUNICATE, PULL OVER, and **DON'T REV ENGINES** when encountering horses.



Directions

The Wilson Creek trail system is approximately 45 miles southwest of Boise.

The trailhead can be accessed from Highway 78 between Marsing and the junction with Highway 45.

From Nampa, take ID-45 south. Just after crossing the Snake River, turn right onto ID-78 and follow it for 3 miles. Turn south on the Wilson Creek Road.

From Marsing, take Highway 78 and continue for about 16 miles to Wilson Creek Road then turn south.

Wilson Creek Road is paved to a large feedlot. At the fork, take the gravel fork to the right.

Latitude: N 43°20'55.78584"
Longitude: W 116°42'49.5018"



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