

Deadwood Ridge Trail



The trail climbs a high ridge overlooking the Deadwood River and moves north, passing through conifer forests and crossing many small creeks, before descending into Whitehawk Basin. The trail heads roughly north from Deadwood Campground. It traverses a ridge for the first several miles before descending into the Stevens Creek drainage. About a mile after Stevens Creek, you come to the intersection with the Stevens Point Trail (#013). The Stevens Point Trail is a 2 mile side trip ending at a large granite outcrop that affords expansive views of the Deadwood River drainage. About .5 mile past the Stevens Point Trail, the Julie Creek Trail (#020) connects from the west. The trail follows Deadwood Ridge north gradually losing altitude as it descends toward Whitehawk Basin. About 5 miles beyond the Julie Creek Trail intersection, the trail intersects with the NF Road 503. This road is closed to motorized travel Oct. 1 through June 30. The trail crosses the road and continues about a mile and a half down into Whitehawk Basin. The trail continues north through the Basin and reaches its northern terminus at the NF Road 510. From this point northward, the Deadwood Ridge Trail is closed seasonally during elk calving season between Oct. 1 and June 30 to minimize disturbance during elk calving season. Plants and wildlife are abundant in the area. Bull moose have been seen towards the Basin end of the trail. Deer, elk, and bear are common in the area as are rattlesnakes. Wildflowers are profuse in Whitehawk Basin during the early summer. Make a loop trip by combining the Julie Creek Trail (#020) with the southern portion of the Deadwood Ridge Trail. However, it requires excellent physical fitness and bike handling skills. This trail is maintained annually by the Lowman Ranger District Trail Crew and the Treasure Valley Trail Machine Association. Please `TREAD LIGHTLY` -- Motorcycle use off of designated trails and roads is prohibited! Thanks!