

## WINTER HIKING IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

This quick reference guide provides enough details to start your adventure, links to more comprehensive resources, and offers a sample itinerary.

### DIGITAL GUIDE



[BLOG](#) | [VIDEO](#) | [PODCAST](#)

View the compilation of resources available online. Conditions change, comfort levels vary, goals for the experience differ, but the experience is always worth it.

### OPPORTUNITIES

**EXPLORE THE UMATILLA NATIONAL FOREST** | [Birding](#), [Fishing](#), [Hiking](#), etc.

Roughly 1.25 hours from Walla Walla, there are five trails that climb into the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness Area. The **Lick Creek**, **North Fork Umatilla River**, **Nine Mile Ridge**, **Buck Creek**, and **Buck Mountain** trails are connected via the Buck Tie Trail. *(OR Fishing License)*

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### DIRECTIONS

#### REVIEW & PRINT THE ROUTE

An important note about how to reach these trails—the bridge on Spring Hollow Road is impassible. Some apps will direct you to take Pambrum Road. This will lead to a ten mile backtrack to the highway. Currently, Google Maps is reflecting the correct route via Mann Road. *(See Website for More Information)*

- ◆ From Walla Walla, take HWY 11 south just past Athena, Oregon
- ◆ Turn left on Mann Road and continue for 1 mile to its intersection with Crawford Hollow Road (these two roads make a Y, the paved road transitions from Mann Road to Crawford Road)
- ◆ Keep right and stay on Mann Road (now gravel) at the Y & continue for 4 miles
- ◆ Turn left on North Cayuse Road and continue to the end of the road
- ◆ Make a left turn returning to pavement on Cayuse Road & continue for 5 miles
- ◆ Make a right turn onto Bingham Road/ County Road 900 and follow to Corporation, North Fork Umatilla, and Buck Creek Trailheads as they present along the road

#### TRAVEL REMINDER

The passable route does involve gravel roads. These roads are typically well maintained, but expect some potholes. Conditions change, so the roads are often wet, muddy, and/or snow-covered.

### EXPLORE, JOIN & SHOP



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### ON THE GO



*(Outside Walla Walla Favorite)*

#### BREAKFAST

Bacon & Eggs *(Texas Eggs)*  
Maple Counter Cafe *(Fruit Porridge)*  
Taqueria Yungapeti *(#1 Breakfast Burrito)*

#### GO HIKING

Plan on 4-5 Hours

#### LUNCH

Graze *(Turkey Avocado)*  
Papi's Pizza & Pasta *(Margherita)*  
The Happy Wanderer *(Califas Burrito)*

#### SHOP

Bicycle Barn  
Dusty's Ski & Snowboard Shop  
Saager's Shoe Shop  
Studio Opal

#### IN-TOWN RECREATION

Bennington Lake  
Pioneer Park  
Whitman Mission  
Whitman Sculpture Walk

#### DINNER

Fiasco Pizza *(Fig, Rosemary & Garlic)*  
Hattaway's on Alder *(Chicken & Grits)*  
Saffron *(Seasonal Delights)*

### ON THE SITE



#### MAP

Outside Walla Walla's map links to featured activities throughout the northern Blue Mountain region and Walla Walla valley.



#### EVENTS

From film festivals to trail runs, Outside Walla Walla promotes outdoor events.



#### FEATURED FUN

This list is curated to showcase seasonably appropriate outdoor recreation activities.

**KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**—If mindful of the weather report and road conditions, it is possible to hike most of the winter. The trails highlighted above have an upper and lower trailhead, so an out-and-back. The lower trailheads average 2,400 feet in elevation, 2,700 feet lower than their counterparts. This is a remote experience but only 55 miles from Walla Walla. In ideal conditions, it takes about one hour and fifteen minutes to reach Corporation Trailhead. Do not rely on cell phone service.