

## TOP 10 HIKING TRAILS IN THE BLUES

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](#) | [Backpacking](#), [Hiking](#)

With 715 miles of trails in the Umatilla National Forest and 2,700 miles in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, hiking opportunities are plentiful. These two forests account for roughly 3.3 million acres of public lands across Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

[WILDERNESS AREAS](#) | [Backpacking](#), [Hiking](#)

Reminder, many trails are within a wilderness area, so no bikes or motorized equipment to highlight a few regulations.

### 10 TRAILS

[REVIEW INFORMATION ONLINE](#)

The full review is available on the website and includes information we found helpful. Please always recreate within your comfort zone.

- ♦ [Grouse Mountain Trail](#)—Big views, family-friendly, wilderness area
- ♦ [Umatilla Rim Trail](#)—Long multi-use trail, big views, little elevation gain
- ♦ [Jubilee Recreation Trail](#)—Loop around Jubilee Lake, adjacent to campground
- ♦ [Nine Mile Ridge Trail](#)—Upper & lower trailhead (TH), big views, elevation gain
- ♦ [Middle Point Ridge Trail](#)—Near Dayton, WA, multi-use & switchback trail
- ♦ [North Fork Walla Walla Trail](#)—Beautiful drive to TH, forested trail
- ♦ [Oregon Butte Lookout](#)—Highest point in the northern Blues, remote
- ♦ [Lake Creek Trail](#)—Upper & lower TH, elevation gain, near water
- ♦ [Burnt Cabin Trail](#)—Significant elevation change, access to South Fork WW River
- ♦ [North Fork Umatilla River Trail](#)—Forested trail, gorgeous drive, view for days

[JASPER MOUNTAIN RESERVE](#) | [Day or Annual Pass](#)

The [Jasper Mountain Reserve](#) is a privately owned wildlife sanctuary in the Blue Mountains. Protecting over 300 acres of habitat, outdoor enthusiasts are in for treat. There are many ways to engage with the landscape from bird watching to trail running. In the winter, some of the trail system is groomed for cross country skiing. Sign up for [Trail Fest](#), a fundraising event with distances ranging from 4.4 miles to 100k relay.

### EXPLORE, JOIN, & SHOP



[VISIT OUTSIDE WALLA WALLA](#)

This on-going project is for you! Become a member, shop for swag, or advertise your business. Join us in building an outdoor recreation database for all.

### ON THE GO



(Outside Walla Walla Favorite)

#### BREAKFAST

Walla Walla Roastery (*Empanada*)  
Maple Counter Cafe (*Fruit Porridge*)  
Livit Coffee (*Classic Avocado Toast*)

#### GO HIKING

Plan on 4-8 Hours

#### LUNCH

Counter Side Burgers & Fries (*Combo*)  
Big Cheese Pizza (*Supreme Calzone*)  
The Happy Wanderer (*Mole Taco*)

#### 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

Public House 124 (*Drunken Noodles*)  
Hattaway's on Alder (*MPC Steelhead*)  
Green Lantern Tavern (*The Cougar*)

### 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**— Roads to these trails are typically maintained, but expect some potholes, rocks, etc. Sometimes it is hard to predict if snow is still blocking passage. For spring recreating, always plan an alternative destination, bring a shovel, and let others know your travel plans. The best road & trail maps are the forest service folding maps (Umatilla National Forest). We've noticed that many popular trail apps do not always reflect maintained roads, and the trail data is sometimes just someone's personal route and not the complete trail system.