

Directions to the New Grub Gulch Connector Trail and the Renovated Hidden Creek Trail

The new **Grub Gulch Connector trail** links the Sterling Mine Ditch trail (SMDT) and the future Jack-Ash trail. It travels uphill from the SMDT one and a half miles to connect to an unimproved BLM road (closed to motor vehicles). Until the Jack-Ash Trail is officially opened, the Grub Gulch trail provides access for non-motorized users to a wonderful network of dirt/gravel BLM roads all over Anderson Butte. These roads can be used to create loops using different access points on the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail (such as Wolf Gap or Deming trailheads). For a very long loop, one can ride across the ridgeline to Rush Creek Road and back to the Little Applegate Trailhead. For those exploring the maize of roads on Anderson Butte we recommend purchasing a BLM map that covers the Ashland Resource area at the Medford BLM office.

The **Hidden Creek Trail** is an interpretative trail created by the Medford BLM many years ago. It is a short, easy one-mile loop through lush old growth trees. In 2013, the Medford BLM restored the trail. Because this trail is right along the future Jack-Ash Trail route, SUTA has agreed to help BLM maintain and promote this trail. The plan is to replace the interpretative markers and brochure in 2014.

Directions to Hidden Creek and the upper end of Grub Gulch Trail from the Rogue Valley side: via Anderson BUTTE Road (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH Anderson CREEK Road out of Talent).

1. From Route 99 above Phoenix, take South Stage Road to Griffin Creek Road. Turn left onto Griffin Creek Road at the Chevron Station (you will pass the Griffin Creek Elementary School). Drive about 2 miles on Griffin Creek Road to where it will make a 90 degree left turn (where it meets Griffin Lane).
2. Turn left and continue on Griffin Creek Road about another 1.5 miles until you see Griffin Creek Road turn left again off the main paved road. Continue straight on the main paved road which is now called Anderson Butte Road – heading uphill.
3. Follow Anderson Butte Road from where Griffin Creek Road turns off about 2 miles to BLM road 38-2-26 on your right. (Note: You will go past a quarry and a yellow BLM gate on your right. The turn-off is just a short distance past a series of large concrete road barriers on the left running parallel to the paved road.
4. TURN RIGHT onto gravel BLM road 38-2-26 and drive 3.2 miles (very scenic and the route of some of the Jack-Ash trail) to BLM Road 39-2-3 on your right. Park near the damaged gate (soon to be fixed).
5. Hidden Creek Trail: is on the left side (coming from Anderson Butte) of the road – almost opposite the damaged gate. It's a 1 mile loop and has two entrances from the BLM road within a few yards of each other. There is a small trail marker at the trail entrance across from BLM Road 39-2-3.
6. For Grub Gulch trailhead: Note that as of November 1, 2013, the Grub Gulch trail is open only to hikers and has not been finished completely. This would either be a long run or a lovely out and back hike. Go downhill past the gate down the unimproved BLM road 39-2-3 through deep woods. At the fork about ¼ of a mile down - stay to the left and just continue following the road until it dead ends at the entrance to the new Grub Gulch Trail. That trail goes 1.5 miles down to the northern end of the Sterling Mine Ditch. Turn left and hike to Deming trailhead if desired or return back the way you came.

Directions to Hidden Creek trail and the upper end of the Grub Gulch trail from the Applegate Valley side:

1. Take Armstrong-Deming Road near the 9 mile mark on Sterling Creek Road. Turn left at the first 'Y' and go 7 miles – do not make any turns until 7 miles where you will turn hard left onto BLM Road 38-2-26. Drive 2.7 miles to either the Hidden Creek or Grub Gulch trailheads. [See directions at #5 & #6 above.](#)

Trailhead signs and kiosks will be installed in [early 2014](#).

Directions to Grub Gulch Trail from the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail

1. To reach the Grub Gulch Trail from the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail, drive up Armstrong-Deming Road off of Sterling Creek Road to either the Deming trailhead or the Deming Equestrian Parking area. Hike north on the Sterling Mine Ditch trail approximately 3 miles. The new Grub Gulch trail connects to the ditch trail on the right (across the ditch) just before the private property signs.