



Directions to the Sterling Mine Ditch Trailheads

For more information about the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail and other SUTA trails: www.SUTAOregon.org

FROM DOWNTOWN JACKSONVILLE (driving on California St/Rt 238 heading towards Ruch):

1. Turn left on Oregon Street (the Good Bean Coffee shop will be on your left). Oregon Street turns into Applegate Street and again changes names to become Cady Road. Drive up curving road to the top of the hill - about 1 mile (Sterling Mine Ditch Trail sign on your right on Cady Rd).
2. Turn left onto Sterling Creek Road, go almost 9 miles.

For Deming, Armstrong Gulch and Wolf Gap Trailheads:

3. Turn left onto the Armstrong-Deming Road (The Armstrong Deming Road is between the 8 & 9 mile marker. (small Sterling Mine Ditch Trail sign is opposite the turn) Drive about 200 yards to "T" – left is to Deming and Wolf Gap, right is to Armstrong.
4. Deming trailhead - bear left at "T", drive 7/10s of a mile up a gravel road to the Deming Trail sign on the right. Parking all along the road for cars- especially above the Deming trailhead. Horse trailers: Large parking area 3/10s of a mile above Deming trailhead where a road drops down to left and below Deming Rd.- ride out between boulders at the end of parking lot and down dirt road, SMDT trail to your left – look for small signs on trees.
5. Wolf Gap Trailhead – drive past the Deming trailhead and continue up the Deming Rd approximately 2 miles. A large open parking area (the Gap) will be on your right. Trail leaves from the left side of parking area by Wolf Gap Trailhead Sign.
6. Armstrong Gulch Trailhead – bear right at "T", about 1/2 mile to new Armstrong trailhead under construction. Old trailhead is currently on private property which is why there is no BLM sign – just a handpainted "Trail" sign at 7/10s of a mile from "T". A by-pass trail around the private land is being built. Horse trailers: A turn-around for horse trailers is at the new trailhead on Armstrong Gulch but parking at the Deming Horse Trailer parking area is larger.

For Little Applegate Road Trailheads (Bear Gulch, Tunnel Ridge, Little Applegate):

7. Continue on Sterling Creek Road to the end (Buncom) – about 2 miles.
8. Bear left onto Little Applegate Road – Note: at 3.2 miles the pavement ends and road becomes dirt (and Yale Creek Road bears right). Continue on Little Applegate Road.
9. The mileage to the three trailheads from the intersection of Sterling Creek Road and Little Applegate Road is:
 - a. Bear Gulch - 5.9 miles
 - b. Tunnel Ridge – 6.5 miles
 - c. Little Applegate Trailhead – 8.2 miles
10. All Little Applegate trailheads are on the left side of road. All trailheads have parking and clear signs marking the trailheads. Horse trailer parking is available at all three Little Applegate trailheads but Tunnel Ridge is largest parking area. Water for horses from the Little Applegate River is accessible at Tunnel Ridge Trailhead.

FROM RUCH/ APPLGATE (driving on 238 towards Jacksonville):

1. Turn right on Upper Applegate Road; drive approximately 3 miles, turn left onto Little Applegate Road
2. Drive about 3 miles on Little Applegate Road to intersection with Sterling Creek Road on your left (at Buncom)

For the Deming, Wolf Gap and Armstrong Gulch Trailheads:

3. Turn left onto Sterling Creek Road. Drive about 2 miles, turn right on Armstrong-Deming Road – follow Jacksonville directions #3-6.

For the three Little Applegate trailheads:

6. Continue on Little Applegate Road – follow Jacksonville directions at #9

FROM ASHLAND, TALENT, PHOENIX OR MEDFORD:

1. Take South Stage Rd from Route 99 to the intersection with Griffin Creek Road (Chevron station on your right).
2. Turn left onto Griffin Creek Rd; drive about 1.5 miles; turn right onto West Griffin Creek/ Poorman Creek Rd).
3. Take West Griffin Creek/Poorman to "T" (approx 4 miles), to Sterling Creek Road – turn left.
4. Drive south on Sterling Creek Rd about 7 miles. Follow Jacksonville directions above (#3 -10) to six trailheads.