



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, follow up hill, becomes Applegate Street and again changes names to become Cady Road. Drive up to the top of the hill - about 1 mile (Sterling Mine Ditch Trail sign on right on Cady Rd).
2. Turn left onto Sterling Creek Road, go almost 9 miles.

For Deming, Armstrong Gulch and Wolf Gap Trailheads (TH):

3. Turn left onto the BLM Armstrong-Deming Road (The Armstrong Deming Road is between the 8 & 9 mile marker on Sterling Creek Road, a small Sterling Mine Ditch Trail sign is opposite the turn) Drive about 200 yards to "T" – sign provides distance and direction to trailheads and equestrian parking area on Deming.
4. Deming TH - left at "T", drive 7/10s of a mile up a gravel road to the Deming TH. Parking along the road for cars above the Deming TH. Horse trailers: Large parking area 3/10s of a mile above Deming TH where a road drops down to left and below Deming Rd – Sign marks Equestrian Parking. Ride out between boulders at the end of parking lot and down dirt road. Look for trail signs.
5. Wolf Gap TH – 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 and kiosk.
6. Armstrong Gulch Trailhead – Right at "T", about 1/2 mile to Armstrong trailhead marked with sign and kiosk. Equestrians: Parking/turn-around at Armstrong Gulch but parking at the Deming Equestrian parking area is larger.

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

7. Continue on Sterling Creek Road to the "T" with Little Applegate Rd at Buncom – about 2 miles.
8. Turn left onto Little Applegate Road – Note: at 3.2 miles the pavement ends and Little Applegate Rd becomes dirt - continue straight onto dirt road.
9. The mileage to the three trailheads from the intersection of Sterling Creek Road and Little Applegate Road is:
 - a. Bear Gulch TH - 5.9 miles
 - b. Tunnel Ridge TH – 6.5 miles
 - c. Little Applegate TH – 8.2 miles
10. All Little Applegate trailheads are on the left side of road and have parking. 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 TH.

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:

4. 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) with Sterling Creek Rd – turn left.
4. Drive south on Sterling Creek Rd about 7 miles. Follow Jacksonville directions above (#3 -10) to six trailheads.

Note: All trailheads are well marked with trailhead signs and have information kiosks. See separate directions for Grub Gulch TH and Hidden Creek Trail