



DIRECTIONS TO THE JACK-ASH TRAILHEADS

The Jack-Ash Trail (Phase 1) connects to both ends of the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail creating a giant loop. If you are interested in a long-distance ride or hike, you have the option of starting at any of the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail Trailheads or the Jack-Ash Trailheads and doing a giant 45+ mile loop. The Jack-Ash Trail can also be experienced as shorter out and backs or loops created by combining existing BLM dirt roads. To reach the Jack-Ash Trailheads from either the Rogue Valley or Applegate Valley – follow appropriate directions below to reach the four trailheads for Phase 1 of the Jack-Ash Trail starting from the lowest elevation on Griffin Lane

From the Rogue Valley area to Jack-Ash Trailheads:

Griffin Lane Access: The first segment of this trail segment is across private property and does not have trail signs at present. Please respect private property and stay on the trail corridor. Parking is very limited along Griffin Lane for now, prior to the driveway turn-off for the trail. Do not park in the driveway and block access in any way. Coming from the intersection of Griffin Creek Road and Griffin Lane, drive approximately 4 miles to the driveway address #7595, on the left. If you come from Sterling Creek Road the driveway will be the third from the end of the road, ½ mile from Sterling Creek Rd.

The trail follows the driveway and takes off from a shared apron with an adjacent private parcel. Take the gravel driveway on the right that drops steeply downhill into densely grown up area (not towards the pond/house). Follow the driveway downhill about 150 feet, past an old grass-covered road on your right and turn right onto trail below steep bank. If you come to a flat house pad you have missed the trail turnoff.

Grub Gulch Trailhead and Hidden Creek Trail: This is a shared trailhead for the SMDT, Jack-Ash Trail and Hidden Creek Trail. Parking along BLM road 38-2-26 across from the gate is available.

1. From Route 99 above Phoenix, take South Stage Road to Griffin Creek Road. Turn left onto Griffin Creek Road at the Chevron Station going past the Griffin Creek School. Drive about 2 miles on Griffin Creek Road - it will make a 90 degree left turn at its junction with Griffin Lane.

2. Keep 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. Stay on paved road which is now called Anderson Butte Road – heading uphill.
3. Follow Anderson Butte Road from where Griffin Creek Road turns off for about 2 miles to BLM road 38-2-26 on your right.
4. TURN RIGHT onto dirt BLM road 38-2-26 and drive 3.2 miles to the Grub Gulch Trailhead sign – at the turn-off for a gated BLM road 39-2-3.
5. If you walk downhill past the gate there is a kiosk with a map and information. Travel ¼ mile downhill to a fork to reach the SMDT (left) or take right fork to the Jack-Ash Trail to Griffin Lane. To travel uphill on the Jack-Ash from the Grub Gulch trailhead, walk east on BLM road 38-2-26 for 0.3 mile to trail marker. Take the ramp which leads you uphill to the Griffin Gap TH.
6. Hidden Creek Trail: is opposite the Grub Gulch Trailhead. It's a 1 mile loop and has two entrances within a few yards of each other on the uphill side of the road.

Griffin Gap and Greenstone Trailheads:

1. Follow #1-2 above but continue another 3 miles to the top of the ridge. Pavement ends right at the Griffin Gap Trailhead, right is a yellow gate and a parking area lined with boulders, straight ahead is Deming Road, Anderson Butte Road veers left.
2. Jack-Ash trail takes off downhill to Grub Gulch TH about 100 feet past parking area off of Deming Road.
3. For Greenstone TH, continue straight ahead (south) on Deming Road 1 mile. The Greenstone Trailhead is on your left (east side of the road), opposite a large pile of gravel at a tight curve. The Jack-Ash Trail runs along a decommissioned road leaving from the left side of the rock face. Park along road.

Anderson Ridge Trailhead:

1. Follow directions to Griffin Gap Trailhead, at end of pavement bear hard left to continue on the dirt portion of Anderson Butte Road. Warning: Washboard road in places, drive slowly.
2. Travel 3.5 miles past a large quarry on your right and start going downhill. When you come out of the woods, Anderson Ridge TH is on your right where view opens up.

From the Applegate Valley to the Jack-Ash Trailheads:

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Grub Gulch Trailhead and Hidden Creek Trail: This is a shared trailhead for the SMDT, Jack-Ash Trail and Hidden Creek Trail. Parking along BLM road 38-2-26 across from the gate is available.

1. From Sterling Creek Road, at almost the 9 mile marker, turn onto the Deming-Armstrong BLM Road. Go about 100 yards to a "T", turn left and head past the Deming and Wolf Gap Trailheads. Do not make any turns off this road until about 7 miles. Highly scenic!
2. The Deming Rd will intersect BLM road 38-2-26 at about 7 miles. Turn SHARP left onto BLM road 38-2-26 and drive downhill about 2.7 miles to the Grub Gulch Trailhead sign/Hidden Creek Trail signs. You will see a gated BLM road 39-2-3 on your left.
3. Walk downhill past the green gate - there is a kiosk with a map and information. Travel 0.25 miles downhill to a fork. The left fork to reach the SMDT or take right fork to follow the Jack-Ash Trail to Griffin Lane.
4. To travel uphill on the Jack-Ash towards Griffin Gap TH, walk east on BLM road 38-2-26 for 0.3 mile to dirt trail ramp on right side of road (marked with carsonite trail signs).
5. Hidden Creek Trail is opposite the Grub Gulch Trailhead. It's a 1 mile loop and has two entrances within a few yards of each other on the uphill side of the road.

Griffin Gap and Greenstone Trailheads:

1. Follow #1 above but stay straight at the intersection with BLM Road 38-2-26. Drive about 0.6 miles and you will see the Greenstone Trailhead on your right, opposite a large pile of gravel and at the base of a rock face. Park along road. The Jack-Ash Trail runs along a decommissioned road leaving from the left side of the rock face.
2. To reach the Griffin Gap TH, drive another mile to the intersection of Anderson Butte Road. You will see a locked yellow gate and a parking area lined with boulders where there is parking. The trail takes off downhill about 100 feet before the parking area.

Anderson Ridge Trailhead:

1. Follow directions to Griffin Gap Trailhead above. At the end of Deming Rd where you meet Anderson Butte Road, turn right on the dirt portion of Anderson Butte Road. Warning: Washboard road in places, drive slowly.
2. Travel 3.5 miles past a large quarry on your right and start going downhill about ¼ miles. When you come out of the woods, Anderson Ridge TH is on your right where view opens up.

NOTE: Trailhead and distance signs will be posted in early 2018. We recommend downloading the black and white map of the Jack-Ash and Sterling Mine Ditch Trails from the SUTA website. For those wishing to explore the roads on Anderson Butte we recommend purchasing a BLM map covering the Ashland Resource area at the Medford BLM office.