

Waitts Lake and Springdale Region (Added 2010)

Waitts Lake Road (Map pages 40 and 54).

Waitts Lake Rd is a two-lane paved road starting in Valley, a small unincorporated community with a population of less than 3000. It intersects Hwy 231 and Red Marble Road. In Valley you have access to a gas station, restaurant, and a grocery store for supplies. Less than 55 vehicle per hour reflects the average, daily travel, and anecdotal evidence shows weekends have less of an impact than during the week, due to commuter and truck traffic using this road. Vehicles should use caution around the Lake as it is a residential zone with the usual walkers/joggers, bikers and other traffic congestion. The Waitts Lake zone is already designated as a recreational area. Waitts Lake is a tourist destination offering record-producing fishing and all water sports with accomodations available at Winona Beach Resort, Silver Beach Resort, and Waitts Lake Resort. Cabin rentals are available at Winona and Silver Beach Resorts, in addition to RV and tent camping. Waitts Lake Resort offers RV camping.

Waitts Lake South Road (Map page 54).

Waitts Lake South Road is a two lane paved road starting at Waitts Lake road on the south east end of the lake and re-joining Waitts Lake Road at the north west end of the lake. Less than 11 vehicles per hour. Vehicles should use caution around the Lake as it is a residential zone with the usual walkers/joggers, bikers and other traffic congestion. The Waitts Lake zone is already designated as a recreational area. While travelling this stretch of the road, watch for the resident, nesting pair of Bald Eagles.

Klines Meadows Road (Map page 40).

Klines Meadows Road is a primitive, non-maintained road with less than 1 vehicle per hour. It begins at the end of Waitts Lake Road. Multiple beaver ponds are located in this area. OHV riders must not ride through this or any other stream, creek, or wetland.

Red Marble Road – right (Map pages 40 and 54).

This is classified as a primitive road and has less than 3 vehicles per hour. Red Marble road is 5.6 miles in length and meanders past private residences and farmlands. Exercising courtesy and restraint to keep dust levels down would endear the recreationists to the residents, keeping complaints down, and the road open.

Red Marble Road – left and Red Marble Branch Road (Map page 40).

Red Marble Road, left from Waitts Lake Rd is an un-paved road mostly un-maintained. It has less than 3 vehicles per hour use. Riders must use caution when utilizing this road due to logging-truck traffic, hunting season, and increased holiday use. Several ponds are visible along this stretch of road offering the opportunity to view a great deal of wildlife; including water fowl, beaver constructions, deer, moose, and an occasional bear. There are several, BLM and/or DNR camping areas along this road with campsites adjacent to a beautiful, year-round stream. OHV riders must not ride through this or any other stream, creek, or wetland. As with all pristine woodlands, all garbage and supplies must be packed out upon departure. Historic mines and quarries are also visible along this ride. As you near the top of the crest and the west exposure, spectacular vistas await as you view the Columbia River, several local lakes and surrounding townships.

Jepsen Road (Map page 53A).

Jepsen Rd is a gravel rd 1.5 miles in length from Boyles Rd to Springdale with 4 vehicles per hour expected. Springdale is an unincorporated community with a population of less than 3000. In Springdale you have a chance for supplies at the community store, ~~fuel~~ and restaurants. Jepsen Road is dotted with residences and farms towards Springdale dictating riders to refrain from upsetting residents with discourteous riding. **NOTE: The gas station in Springdale burned and has not been replaced. The closest place to get fuel is the gas station in Valley with access using Waitts Lake Road.**

Boyles Road (Map page 53).

Boyles is a gravel road that intersects Hwy 231 and Jepsen Rd. Boyles Road is a connector to BLM and DNR lands on Stensgar and Huckleberry Mountains west of highway 231. It is 0.07 miles in length and has less than 3 vehicles per hour.

Long Prairie Road (Map page 54).

Long Prairie Rd is a paved, two-lane road that intersects Waitts Lake Rd and turns into Forest Center Rd. It is 6.02 miles in length and has an average of 11 vehicles per hour. Enjoy the serenity of the pastoral lands of grazing cattle and horse ranches as you travel. If there is interest in history, stop to view the pioneer cemetery along this stretch of road.

Forest Center Road (Map page 53).

Forest Center Road intersects Hwy 231 and Hesseltine. Forest Center Road is paved for the first ½ mile from Hwy 231 and becomes a primitive, dirt road for another 1 mile where it intersects Hesseltine. The average vehicle usage is 6 per hour.

Deer Creek Road (Map pages 39, 40 and 53).

Deer Creek Rd intersects Long Prairie Rd. It is paved for the first 2.5 miles and the remainder distance is primitive road. The estimated travel is 5 vehicles per hour. View a beautiful, year-round stream on the right. On the left just after venturing on the primitive road, man-made ponds which are home to many species of water-fowl, provide great enjoyment to the enthused, bird-watcher.

Little Sweden Road (Map pages 53 and 54)

Little Sweden intersects Waitts Lake Southside Rd and Deer Creek Rd. Classified as a primitive road, it is miles in length, with the first 3/4 of the distance maintained, and the final 1/4 not maintained. It is a designated handicap hunters road. It has less than 3 vehicles per hour usage. Riders need to be wary as there is a very expansive horse ranch located approximately 1.5 miles up from Waitts Lake South Road. Riding courtesy should be maintained in respect of the residents and horses who live along this road. Swede and Hansen Lakes are private lakes that are visible from the road. Enjoy interesting rock formations past Hansen Lake on the west side. Riders need to use caution when riding in the Spring or following a heavy rain, as the road will be subjected to deep standing water.

Hesseltine Road (Map page 39).

Hesseltine Road intersects Forest Center Road and Deer Creek Road. It is a gravel road that has less than 9 vehicles per hour. Upon initial entrance to the road, residences are located on both sides of the road. Continue to follow Hesseltine and the venturer will be greeted by a serene, forested trek. At the fork, Hesseltine continues to the right while Luther Road jogs to the left. Continuing to follow Hesseltine, a beautiful creek on your left is dotted with multiple, beaver dams. View Remnants of old-log cabins on this ride. This ride is 8.1 miles from the end of Forest Center Road to Deer Creek.

Wrights Valley Road (Map page 54).

Average hourly traffic is less than 3 vehicles per hour. Wrights Valley is a designated primitive road and extends 1.7 miles to Red Marble Road. Residences are located along this road with a beautiful stream coursing its way along the right.

Farm To Market Road (Map pages 54 and 55).

Farm To Market has less than 26 vehicles per hour. Vehicular traffic has been known to be considerably less on the weekend due to commuter traffic during the week.

Heine Road (Map page 55).

This is a gravel road that intersects Farm To Market and Schmidlekofer Roads. This is the gateway to the Community of Chewelah. It has an hourly traffic flow of less than 5.

Schmidlekofer Road (Map page 55).

This road has less than 3 vehicles per hour. This is one of the connecting roads for the community of Chewelah, should the City elect to allow the usage of roads by ATV/OHV vehicles. This road intersects Heine Road and the Old Highway Chewelah Road. This is a primitive, dirt road and caution should be used by riders in wet conditions, as the road can be extremely slick.

Old Hwy NW Chewelah Road (Map page 55).

This is a paved road with less than 18 vehicles per hour usage. This open portion of this road begins at Schmidlekofer Road and ends at Hwy 395.

Kramer Road (Map page 55).

This is a paved road with less than 11 vehicles per hour. This road extends from Highway 395 to Sand Canyon and is nine-tenths of a mile.

Sand Canyon Road (Map page 55).

This road is a major connector road for several of the County roads previously passed by the County, for access to the national forest. The ordinance was passed to open Sand Canyon Road from the intersection of Immel Road to the end of the County road. It is a paved road for 7.2 miles, then the remaining 1.35 miles is gravel and terminates inside the Forest Service boundary. Sand Canyon Road then transitions to a Forest Service maintained road. The paved road at Immel encounters less than 10 vehicles per hour, and reduces down to less than 3 vehicles per hour in the gravel portion of Sand Canyon Road.