Photos of Three Kipuka Islands Hike

Deschutes National Forest, Bend-Fort Rock District



The hike begins on Road 600, at its junction with Road 9725.



At 0.7 miles, the route follows Road 600 up onto the top of the South Sugarpine Lava Flow.



After 150 yards, the road descends into the First Kipuka Island, with magnificent big ponderosa trees.



These big ponderosas appear to be taking advantage of subsurface water runoff from the lava field.



Beyond the First Kipuka Island, the road turns into a narrow track, winding between the lava flows.



At 1.2 miles, the path traverses the small Second Kipuka Island, just over an acre in size.



Past the Second Kipuka, one crosses another lava field, with views southeast of the Newberry Crater rim.



Finally, at 1.5 miles, the route descends into the Third Kipuka Island, with more big pines amidst the lava.