

Photos of Meander Belt on Big Deschutes River

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At River Mile 201.6, at the foot of the meander belt, a basalt rock sill impedes the free flow of the river.



From the basalt sill up to about River Mile 206, the Big Deschutes meanders widely across its floodplain.



One can float down thru the meanders from LaPine State Park, or boat up from the Big River boat ramp.



The hike to the meander belt follows the Fall River Trail, with nice views of this spring-fed stream.



At 1.2 miles on the Fall River Trail, a side trail branches off east to the Big Deschutes River meander belt.



Once at the Big Deschutes, one can explore the meanders, upstream and down, on State Park lands.



250 yards downstream, one finds the old log cabin now being undercut by the migrating meanders.