

Photos of Badlands Tumuli Hike
Badlands Wilderness Area - Bureau of Land Management

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The hike begins at a steel gate at the south end of a dirt parking area off Johnson Ranch Road.



For the first 1.5 miles, the route follows the dirt road next to the Central Oregon Irrigation Canal.



Past the second green gate, where the canals split, is the start of the signed Tumulus Trail (at right).



After 0.6 miles east on the Tumulus Trail, the route then turns south on the signed Black Lava Trail.



About 0.5 miles south on the Black Lava Trail, the edge of the Badlands Lava Flow rises up to the east.



For the next half-mile, the trail wanders through classic tumulus formations, with tilted slabs and clefts.



Off the trail, one can wander cross-country across the tops of the cracked pressure ridges and tumuli.



In all, there's over 250 acres of inflated-lava terrain to explore in this less-visited corner of the Badlands.