

Photos of Little Cultus Fens Hike
Deschutes National Forest

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The best parking spot is at a prominent turnout along Forest Road 4636 (GPS Point 1).



Just 75 yards north through the trees, one arrives at the edge of the Lower Fen (GPS Point 2).



Walking out on old fallen logs allows close inspection of the fragile fen plants — without stepping on them!



Returning to the parking area, it's a 0.6 mile walk (or drive) west along Road 4636 to the Upper Fen trail.



At a large boulder just west of the road (GPS Point 3), a faint trail descends west through the trees.



The route then follows game trails for 250 yards west through a dry meadow with blueberry bushes.



After passing through a thick stand of Engelmann spruce, one emerges at the Upper Fen (GPS Point 4).



Fen Mosses



Few-flowered Spikerush



Elephant's Head

As these fen ecosystems contain rare and sensitive plants, please be careful and respectful around them!