

Photos of Little Garden Kipuka Hike
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The hike begins off Road 900, following a jeep road up onto the lava field and through a wire gate.



For the next 1.5 miles, the route follows the jeep road through mixed stands of juniper and ponderosa.



The walking is easy over the wide, flat plates of "pahoehoe" lava, unusual for Central Oregon lava fields.



Potential wildlife sightings include mule deer, bighorn sheep and the elusive lava bears (track shown).



At 1.5 miles, the jeep road leaves the lava field and climbs up onto a butte of the Little Garden kipuka.



From the butte top, one has long views east to the vents and spatter cones at the lava field's source.



After the hike, it's worthwhile to visit Derrick Cave, one of the source tubes for the "pahoehoe" lava...



...and the nearby Blowouts, the spatter cones where much of the rough "aa" lava in the field originated.