

Photos of Sphagnum Bog Hike
Rogue River National Forest & Crater Lake National Park

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The hike begins at the unsigned Bert Creek Trailhead at the end of Forest Road 6535-660.



At 0.5 miles, the trail crosses into Crater Lake National Park past a boundary sign.



The entire route to the bog is through a healthy forest dominated by shasta red fir and western larch.



A few of the shasta red firs along the trail are truly massive (and likely 400-600 years old).



At 2.3 miles, the trail ends in a short loop that visits two of the several Crater Springs.



Cross-country 50 yards east behind the hitching rail at trail's end, one finds a small 1-acre fen.



Another 250 yards cross-country to the south (over some downed trees) is a larger, 8-acre upper fen.



One can walk south along the drier, eastern edge of the fens for a half mile, keeping off the wet mosses.