

Photos of Echo Basin Hike
Willamette National Forest - Sweet Home District

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The hike starts off from the Echo Basin Road (Rd. 055) at a trail information board.



The route climbs steadily west on an old logging road, through a plantation of Pacific silver firs.



At 0.8 miles, at a footbridge across Echo Creek, the loop trail begins counterclockwise to the north.



Just 100 yards past the footbridge, the trail enters the first majestic grove of huge Alaska yellow cedars.



For the next 0.3 miles, the trail switchbacks steeply up into the upper basin, past more big Alaska cedars.



At 1.2 miles, the trail begins a long traverse across the open upper basin, through lush meadows.



In the wet meadow sections, the route follows wooden boardwalks past remarkable wildflower displays.



As the loop trail descends back to the footbridge, one passes even more old-growth Alaska cedars.