

Photos of Lower Metolius River Hike
Deschutes National Forest

June 16, 2021



The hike begins at the summer gate on Forest Road 64, closed to all motorized vehicles after this point.



270 yards past the gate, the route leaves Road 64 and drops down to an old road along the river.



At the old road, one has a sweeping, panoramic vista over the rushing Lower Metolius River below.



For the next half mile, the old road wanders upstream along the river, past huge cedars and firs.



At 1.2 miles, the road skirts a broad dry flat, with close-up views of several osprey nests overhead.



For the next mile, the old road follows a bench above the river, with long views across the canyon.



At 2.4 miles, the road descends again to the river, to a forest of big firs and cedars with a primeval feel.



For the final half mile, one has a wonderful selection of shady spots along the river for lunch and a rest.