

**Photos of Big Marsh Hike**  
Deschutes National Forest - Crescent District

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Driving in on Road 5825, there are partial views of how immense Big Marsh is, with Cowhorn Mt. behind.



From the gravel parking area, the hike starts cross country to the west, through the forested meadow.



Within 100 yards, one comes to a rotted boardwalk (caution!) at the edge of the big 1940s drainage canal.



The route is then south along the east side of the canal, with views of the restoration project underway.





Restoration is to help spotted frog tadpoles move from shallow breeding marsh (at right) into the ponds.



Besides spotted frogs, the ponds being created in the old canal also support otters, herons and waterfowl.



At 0.9 miles, one can visit older restoration ponds north of the canal, with expansive views of Big Marsh.



The hike ends at 1.2 miles on the banks of placid, meandering Big Marsh Creek. Return as you came.