

**ISABELLE SPRING TRAIL**  
**RATED EASY TO MODERATE**  
**LOOP HIKE – RATED MODERATE**  
**August 2014**

This 1.0 mile section of trail is part of the proposed Applegate Ridge Trail (A.R.T.) and starts on the edge of the 5711 acre Wellington Wildlands (LWC – Lands with Wilderness Characteristics). This narrow historic trail follows the contour on the steep rocky west side of Mt. Isabelle to pass through mixed woods of fir, black oak, white oak and mountain mahogany. A huge fire scarred fir stands sentry over the boxed spring that was developed in 1940 to serve the lookout on Mount Isabelle. Water was hauled up to the lookout in milk cans carried by horses and later, by jeep.

**For the 3 hikes on Mount Isabelle:** From the **Isabelle Trailhead** walk north approximately 175 yards on BLM Road 38-3-5 and go around the locked yellow gate. Continue a short distance to the next large flat area identified with piles of gravel and a green metal electrical box (on the far side). The 3 hikes start near the electrical box. The hike to the peak of **Mount Isabelle** (1.0 mile) is straight ahead up the wide steep road. The hike to the **Isabelle Quarry** (1.0 mile) is on the “level” gated BLM road 38-3-5 to the right of the road to Mount Isabelle. The hike on the **Isabelle Spring Trail** is to the left of the road to Isabelle Peak. Look for the start of the **Isabelle Spring Trail** on the left side of the road to Mount Isabelle, approximately 50’ north of the green metal electrical box.

**Isabelle Spring Trail:** From the beginning of the trail to the spring is about 0.25 mile. Another 0.67 mile will bring you to BLM road 38-3-6. At this point you may turn around and go back the way you came for a 2 mile total hike.

**OR:** You can make a loop out of it by taking road 38-3-6 east (to the right) and travel 2.39 miles clockwise around the mountain to intersect with the Oregon Belle Loop Road (and a BLM gate); turn right on the Oregon Belle Loop Road (38-3-5) and go 0.5 miles uphill to your car parked at the **Isabelle trailhead**. This loop hike is 3.83 miles total.

Note:

1. The **Isabelle Trailhead** (parking, kiosk and hidden picnic table), is the launching point for 4 different hikes: The Sundown Trail, the Isabelle Spring hike, Isabelle Quarry hike and the Mount Isabelle hike.
2. The elevation at the trailhead is 3520’ and the maximum elevation is 3700’ on the Isabelle Spring section of trail. The loop hike on BLM road 38-3-6 has about 400’ of elevation change.
3. The gate is an effective barrier for large vehicles however you could encounter a motorcycle.

**Directions (Suitable for 2 wheel drive vehicles):**

From Jacksonville, drive southwest on Hwy 238 (towards Ruch) 4.9 miles and turn right on Forest Creek Road. From Ruch, travel northeast on Hwy 238 (towards Jacksonville) 2.8 miles and turn left on Forest Creek Road.

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| Mile 0.0 | Junction of State Highway 238 and Forest Creek Road. Go south on paved Forest Creek Road. |
| Mile 0.7 | Keep right on Forest Creek Road at intersection with Longanecker Road and BLM             |

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|          | Road 38-3-14 (Bunny Meadows Road, which leads to Bunny Meadows OHV staging area).  |
| Mile 1.0 | Pavement ends. Road remains wide with a granite surface.   |
| Mile 2.5 | Keep left on Forest Creek Road at intersection with BLM Road 38-3-10 (East Fork Forest Creek Road).  |
| Mile 4.3 | Turn left onto BLM Road 38-3-5 (Oregon Belle Creek Access Road) – single lane road with turnouts and worn asphalt.   |
| Mile 5.0 | Continue straight on BLM Road 38-3-5, passing BLM Road 38-3-5.1 on the left.   |
| Mile 6.0 | Continue straight on BLM Road 38-3-5, passing BLM Road 38-3-5.2 on the left.   |
| Mile 6.3 | Continue straight on BLM Road 38-3-5, passing BLM Road 38-3-6 on the right.  |
| Mile 6.7 | The <b>Isabelle Trailhead</b> is an improved gravel parking area (where the asphalt road surface ends & gravel begins) located at the ridge saddle and the intersection of BLM Road 38-3-5 and BLM Road 38-3-8. The relatively level BLM Road 38-3-8 to the left (south) leads to the Heart Trail (2 miles). BLM Road 38-3-5 to the right (north) leads to the 3 hikes on Mount Isabelle. Note the kiosk and hidden picnic table at the trailhead. Please do not block the yellow gates with your vehicle. |
| Mile 6.8 | If parking beyond the trailhead on BLM road 38-3-5, please do not block the gate.  |

### GPS Readings

| Location   | Latitude      | Longitude      |
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| Gate across BLM Road 38-3-5 to Mt. Isabelle  | 42° 17.776' N | 123° 06.803' W |
| Junction of Mount Isabelle access road (wide, steep road), road 38-3-5 and the beginning of the Isabelle Spring hike - near the green metal electrical box on north end of flat area | 42° 17.876' N | 123° 06.704' W |
| Isabelle Spring  | 42° 17.953' N | 123° 06.648' W |
| Junction of Isabelle Spring Trail (N end) and road 38-3-6  | 42° 18.467' N | 123° 06.582' W |
| Junction of roads 38-3-6 and 38-3-5  | 42° 17.658' N | 123° 06.569' W |
| Isabelle Trailhead - Junction of roads 38-3-5 and 38-3-8   | 42° 17.724' N | 123° 06.825' W |

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