

Blodgett Overlook

(Moderate to Strenuous)

This 1.5-mile hike provides you with an exceptional vista of the lower end of Blodgett Canyon with views of the Hamilton area and the Sapphire Mountains to the East as you hike the trail. The grade is not very steep and the trail is excellent.

Directions to the Trailhead:

From Triple Creek's driveway, turn left onto the West Fork Road and drive 7.5-miles until you come to Highway 93. Turn left onto Highway 93 and follow 93 for 24-miles until you come to Hamilton. At the second traffic light make a left onto Main Street. Continue down Main St. until you cross the bridge over the Bitterroot River. 1/4-mile past the bridge make a right onto Ricketts Road. Drive 1/2-mile and make a left onto Blodgett Camp Road. Follow this road for 2.5-miles (it will turn to gravel after a 90° right hand turn after approx. 2-miles) where you will come to a junction. At this junction take a sharp left onto Canyon Creek Road and drive 2-miles to the parking area at the end of the road.

Trail Description:

The trail starts just beyond the Forest Service Information Board. This is a combined trailhead for both Blodgett Overlook and Canyon Creek trails. Both share the same trail for the first 20 yards after which the Blodgett Overlook trail takes off to the right and the Canyon Creek trail continues straight. The Overlook trail then climbs gradually, through a series of switchbacks, up the north wall of Canyon Creek. You eventually climb over the ridge that divides Canyon Creek from Blodgett Canyon to the north.

There are numerous scenic resting spots some with benches constructed along the way. The views at the end of this relatively short 1.5-mile hike are spectacular. The overlook is located on an exposed rocky spire among big ponderosa pines. The views of the lower section of Blodgett Canyon and the immense rock faces are well worth the hike.

Have Fun & ENJOY!