



The WEISER RIVER TRAIL

The Weiser River Trail is Idaho's longest rail-trail and one of approximately 1800 rail-trails in the United States. It stretches 85 miles from Weiser to West Pine, four miles south of New Meadows, and offers a variety of experiences for hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, cross-country skiers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Safety handrails and surface planking have been added to the trestles. The trail surface has been compacted and smoothed, and paved within the Cities of Weiser, Cambridge and Council. Trailheads offer ample parking including space for horse trailers. To get an updated report on trail conditions call the Weiser River Trail hotline or visit the trail website.



The Combs Trestle near Fruitvale offers a scenic crossing of the Weiser River. - Mary Ellen Pugh Photo

The **Cambridge Trailhead** (MP 40.5) at Highway 95 is a good place to begin or end a day's trekking. Numerous town amenities are close by. Leaving Cambridge the trail soon catches up with the Weiser River at **Mill Road** (MP 42.5). From here the trail continues through ranch lands and riparian areas rich with wildlife to the site of the once bustling community of **Goodrich** (MP 49.6) with its historic one-room schoolhouse. Ahead the trail passes through more wildlife habitat and meets the end of **Middle Fork Road** (MP 54.0). Here the trail turns north along the river until veering away to reach **Mesa Siding** (MP 56.5) at Highway 95. It then parallels the highway to Council.



Beautiful vistas like this one near Cambridge await those who travel the Weiser River Trail.

The **Council Trailhead** (MP 60.2) is found at the intersection of the trail with Hornet Creek Road. Local businesses and an RV Park are located only a few blocks away. The trail continues north through more farm ground and the tiny community of **Fruitvale** (MP 66.3) at West Fork Road. The trail soon enters the narrow upper reaches of the Weiser River where majestic Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir and other evergreens merge with groves of Quaking Aspen and Poplars.

The **Starkey Trailhead** (MP 69.9), just a short distance up river from Starkey Hot Springs, is accessible from the Fruitvale-Glendale Road. Continuing on along

the river the sight and smell of Syringa, the state flower, enhance the enjoyment of a spring trek on the trail. At the **Hwy 95 Bridge** (MP 73.9) access to the trail is by way of a steep path located on the east side of Highway 95. Now the trail enters heavily forested lands and follows close to the river, crossing it several times. The trail passes by **Evergreen Campground** (MP 77.2), which is easily accessible from the trail or from Highway 95. The trail crosses the river several more times and then bypasses the lumber mill at Tamarack via a detour trail. Returning to the old railroad bed, the trail continues along the east side of the highway to the **Wye** (MP 82.9), a spot where trains used to turn around.

The **Wye Trailhead/Campground**, a four-acre site under development, is located one-half mile east. From the Wye the trail continues parallel to the highway to **Rubicon** (MP 84.5) which was at one time the end of the trail. Currently the trail extends another mile to Old Hwy 95 Road where it turns and follows this road ending at a parking area designated **West Pine** (MP 85.7). Hopefully, the trail will someday reach to the old railroad depot in New Meadows.

Management of The Weiser River Trail

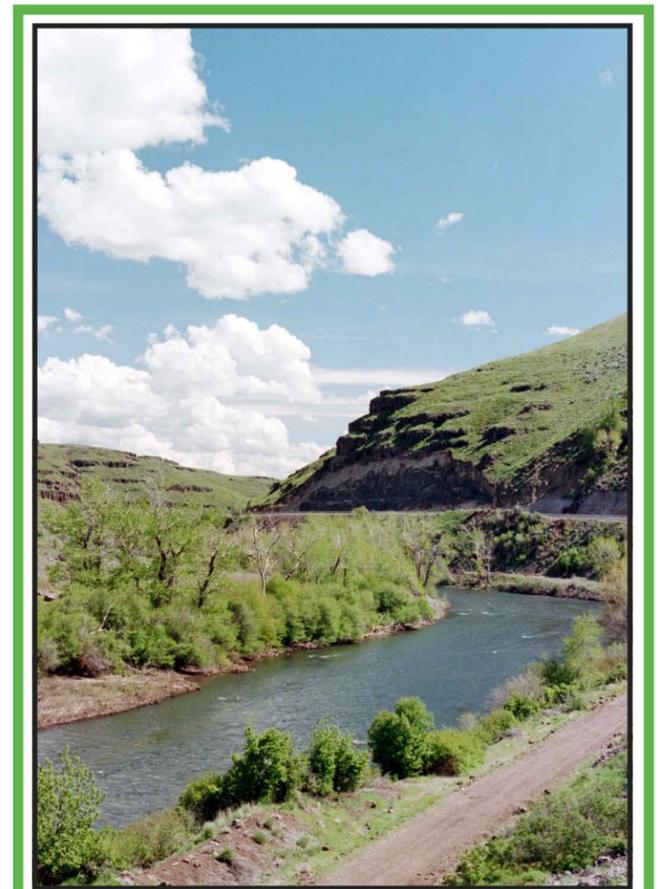
The Weiser River Trail is one of the few rail-trails across the nation that is owned and managed by a non-profit organization. The Friends of the Weiser River Trail, Inc. has had this responsibility since its inception in 1997.

FWRT is a membership organization that depends upon volunteers and the support of its members and the public. Your help is needed to continue the operation and maintenance of this trail. Please consider joining. A membership application is provided for you on the reverse side of this brochure.

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