

EAST APPLGATE RIDGE TRAIL

Rated easy to Moderate

Directions to Sterling Creek Trailhead

The East ART is 5.6 miles on the eastern end of the 40+ miles of the proposed Applegate Ridge Trail. Hikers can park at a roomy trailhead on a gravel road off Sterling Creek Road, hike a few hours on a gorgeous trail of easy to moderate difficulty, and descend through the woods to a smaller, as yet undeveloped, trailhead on Hwy. 238, not far from Longanecker Road.

You will have had a fabulous day. The East ART is easily accessed, close to urban centers, and easily hiked. It's a winner all around and one of the most beautiful in the Applegate – for its forests, oak savannas, wildflowers, grassy hillsides, and, especially, open slopes that provide those fantastic views. However, slopes open to fantastic views are also slopes open to the sun, so in the intense temperatures of summer, this can be a hot trail.

Bring plenty of water and wear a hat!

FROM JACKSONVILLE:

- Coming from Jacksonville, take Rt. 238 towards Applegate Valley/Grants Pass.
- At the top of Jacksonville Hill, (approximately 2.5 miles), turn Left onto Cady Road;
- At approximately ½ mile, and turn Right onto Sterling Creek Rd
- Keep your eye out for the 4-mile marker.
- At 100 yards past the marker, there is BLM signage for the trailhead (on the Right)
- Turn Right there, onto BLM road 38-2-19.1
- Go .6 mile to the trailhead.
- (Bear to the Right at the fork, approximately .3 mile in)

Trailhead is located at the end of the road (bear right at the fork about 3/10 mile). The BLM road is rough but passable.

FROM GRANTS PASS/RUCH:

- If coming from Ruch, take Hwy 238 to Jacksonville
- In 5 1/2 miles, (at the top of Jacksonville Hill), turn Right onto Cady Road.
- At approximately 1/2 mile, and turn Right onto Sterling Creek Rd
- Keep your eye out for the 4-mile marker.
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