

DETOURED

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The elevation at the pass is 5,864 feet — about 100 feet lower than the Lost Creek trailhead — and a couple inches of snow still lay on the ground, looking as incongruous as a lawn sprinkler in January.

My hope was briefly revived as we climbed into the mountains west of Granite and saw only a few patches

of snow.

But this was merely a trick of the terrain. The south-facing slopes were indeed mainly snow-free. But the Lost Creek trail follows a generally northern exposure, and when we were still a couple miles short of the trailhead the snow was again wall-to-wall, so to speak.

I stubbornly insisted that we at least park at the trailhead and take an exploratory hike.

It was a very short hike.

We made it to just past the place where the trail crosses the route of the wooden pipeline that carried water from Olive Lake to the Fremont Powerhouse.

The pipeline — long sections of which remain intact — is maybe a tenth of a mile from the trailhead.

The trail was snow-covered, and worse yet I could see at least half a dozen trees lying across the tread up ahead.

I'm naive but not utterly incapable of facing reality.

I knew the promise of breakfast burritos and geocaches wouldn't compensate for soggy shoes and scratched legs, so we turned back.

I was disappointed, as I always am when a hike is thwarted, but only slightly.

We were still out in the woods on a fine day, and I was sure we could cobble together an alternative itinerary.

Our first goal was a pair

of geocaches, both of which were supposed to be near the pipeline, and less than a mile back down the road toward Granite.

We found both caches — the second rather more quickly than the first, which was hidden, in cunning fashion, inside a carabiner lashed to a juvenile lodgepole pine.

But it was pleasant enough to tramp around in the snowy forest, listening to the wind brushing the limbs and the

gurgle of snowmelt. Max had a small red flying disc — a potential item to swap for another in a geocache — and he giggled with delight as he watched it tumble along in the freshet flowing beside the road. He was happier still when, after grudgingly agreeing to let me toss the disc into a culvert, it rushed out the other end where I plucked it from the icy water.

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CRAPPIE

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I decided to put on a Lake Fork Trophy Lures 2 1/4-inch Sickle Tail Baby Shad. After 45 minutes I'd caught six and Koko had only caught a couple. I told her we were switching hers to a LFTL jig. It also helps to put a Pautzke

Crappie Fireball on the hook. Right away she started smoking them too.

Also, usually I'll put a couple of splitshots 6 inches above the jig. When I changed Koko's jig, I removed her splitshots. LFTL makes the best plastics. They have slots cut in the tail so any movement causes the jig to quiver realistically.

Here's what was working for us: They were spawning so we'd cast right up close to the shoreline. We'd lift our rod tip and then reel in slowly as we let it back down. You don't want to reel too fast.

Crappie are called papermouths for a reason. They have really soft mouths that can easily rip out so be gentle when

working them. Don't set the hook. Just lift your rod tip and reel steadily to keep pressure on. The bigger (heavier) they are, the more likely they'll rip off when hauling them into the boat. So I net all of mine. I haven't documented it but I bet you'll lose 15% to 20% if you try to lift them in so that's why I use a net.

Kolby and I both wondered, did the

fishing get hot because the sun was going down or had we just missed this little crappie stronghold when we went by the first time? I don't know but I think we're going back again near dusk and try to do a repeat. If you haven't been out crappie fishing this spring, then you better get out fast and get in on the fun!

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7 - 8:00 pm
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Survivor's Group
12 - 1:00 pm
Baker Presbyterian Church
1995 4th St.
(4th & Court, Side Door)

TUESDAYS
K.I.S.S.
(Keep it Simple Sister)
12 - 1:00 pm
1645 Eldon St. Eldon Court
Apts Community Room

WEDNESDAYS
Survivor's Group
12:05 pm
Baker Presbyterian Church
1995 4th St.
(4th & Court, Side Door)

THURSDAYS
Survivor's Group
12:05 pm
Baker Presbyterian Church
1995 4th St.
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FRIDAYS
Been There Done That
(Grapevine Meeting)
5:30 - 6:30 pm 2970 Walnut
(Corner of "D" & Grove St.)
Grove Apts. Community Rm

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6:00 - 7:00 pm

SATURDAYS
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10:00 am 2970 Walnut
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Enterprise

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• Enterprise Group
12 - 1:00 pm
113.5 E Main St.
• Enterprise Group
7 - 8:00 pm
(Big Bk Study)
113.5 E Main St.

WEDNESDAYS
• Enterprise Group
7:00 pm
113.5 E Main St.

THURSDAYS
• Enterprise Group
12 - 1:00 pm
113.5 E Main St.
• All Saints (Mens Mtg)
7:00 pm
113.5 E Main St.
• Grapevine Meeting
301 S. Lake; 5:30 pm

FRIDAYS
• Enterprise Group
7:00 pm
113.5 E Main St.

SATURDAYS
• Enterprise Group
7:00 pm
113.5 E Main St.

City of Joseph

MONDAYS
• Grace and Dignity (Womans Mtg)
Joseph United
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301 S. Lake St,
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WEDNESDAYS
• Grace and Dignity (Womans Mtg) 12 pm
301 S. Lake St.,
Church Basement

City of Wallowa

SUNDAYS
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SATURDAYS
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504 w. 2nd St.; 12:00 pm

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(support for family & friends of Alcoholics)
Tuesday evenings
Joseph Methodist Church
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Joseph, OR
6-7pm. Contact 541-398-1398

ALZHEIMERS-DEMENTIA
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11:30 am to 1:00 pm
1250 Hughes Lane Baker City
Church of the Nazarene
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Baker City
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Baker City

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