



Morning light and a view of Broken Top Mountain. ▲

Andy Laakman climbs a section of Smith Rock. ►

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## STUDENT EXPLORER

Alex Laakmann is one of The Bulletin's student explorers sharing images of his adventures in Central Oregon. He found several outstanding images at Smith Rock State Park of climbers and cool nature scenes. The week before, he captured shots on a backcountry skiing outing at Tam McArthur Rim.



## TOP PICK OF THE WEEK

# Walton Lake



Makenzie Whittle/Bulletin file

Anglers cast lines from the shore of Walton Lake in May.

### BY MAKENZIE WHITTLE

The Bulletin  
The small, brilliantly blue Walton Lake is one of just a handful of lakes in the Ochoco National Forest. Tucked away among mostly old-growth Ponderosa pine trees, the lake is surrounded by a short, easy trail that provides barrier free bank access.

Stocked this week with 2,500 legal sized trout, Walton Lake is popular with anglers who want to bank fish or paddle out into the lake on a kayak, pontoon or other non-gas powered vessel (electric motors are allowed). It's also popular for camping out with the peaceful lake as a backdrop to most sites, some of which are offered

on a first come, first served basis.

Whether you go for the day or the weekend, Walton Lake offers a tranquil environment and a place to recharge in the forest.

**Getting there:** From Prineville, follow U.S. Highway 26 east for 15.4 miles then turn right onto Ochoco Creek Road and drive straight for 8.4 miles. Turn left onto Forest Road 22 and drive for 4.4 miles then turn right to stay on the same road. Follow for 2.1 miles then turn left onto Forest Road 2220 towards Walton Lake.

\$5 day use fee, Northwest Forest Passes are not applicable.

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