

Sample section from The Weiser River Trail: Idaho's Longest Rail Trail, by Margaret Fuller and Anita VanGrunsvan

GRIZZLY CREEK TO GOODRICH:

MILE 46.1 TO 49.6 (3.5 miles)

Maps: East of Cambridge, Goodrich

Access: The only road access is at Goodrich

In this section, riparian shrubs and trees at times hide the river and bitterbrush grows on the canyon walls. At mile 46.8 is Cow Creek and the Washington/Adams County Line. The legislature split Washington County into two parts in 1911 and named the second part for President John Adams. From here the trail skirts the base of hills and runs close to the river, which has gravel bars along the shore. A short trestle over Cottonwood Creek is at mile 47.5. At mile 48.2, the river makes a sharp bend to the southeast and then back. Between the bends is a big open area of grass and trees. The trail crosses Goodrich Creek on a 25-foot trestle at mile 49.5 and reaches Goodrich Road at mile 49.6 where parking is limited, but there is a chemical toilet. With care, it is possible to park a couple of horse trailers here. Be sure to look up the road to see the 1915 schoolhouse with bell tower, where former Senator Larry Craig attended school for a time.

Goodrich was first called Mulligan after the man who established the first post office in 1901. Years later, a Goodrich family with eight children found living next to the track dangerous. Once, the engineer had to stop the train to rescue their 13-month-old boy who was sitting on the tracks. Another time their 11-year-old daughter was fishing from a trestle and couldn't get off it in time to avoid the train. Although she sustained a skull fracture and other major injuries, when the train crew came up to her she only said, "I think I'm hurt."

GPS: Grizzly Creek: 116° 36' 38"W 44° 37' 19"N
Goodrich: 116° 33' 26"W 44° 39' 9"N