



#### ROAD-TO-TRAIL

The Suttle Lake Trail is a road-to-trail conversion. The trail follows the route of the old Camp Sherman to Suttle Lake Road paralleling the North Fork of Lake Creek along its entire length. Originally constructed by CCC crews in 1936, the road was closed by the Forest Service over a decade ago. The road-to-trail conversion was led by *Friends of the Metolius* under a grant from the **National Forest Foundation** funded largely by **Sisters Country Co-op**, a group of area lodges working to make inn-to-inn hiking trips an alternative for local visitors.

Parking at Cinder Beach is available at Suttle Lake on the west end of the trail and a small parking area is available at the trailhead on the other end just north of the Camp Sherman Community Hall.

#### WILDLIFE

Take time along the trail to enjoy the wildlife that makes its home in the Metolius Basin.

Birders may find several varieties of woodpeckers including the White-headed fellow pictured below.

The trail runs through the winter range of a herd of Roosevelt elk and it is not uncommon to come across these animals at any time from September through April.

Beginning in 2011 you will want to take side trips south off the trail to visit the North Fork of Lake Creek. Sockeye salmon have been reintroduced into the Upper Deschutes-Metolius-Lake Creek system and will make migratory spawning runs up the creek in late summer and fall for the first time in over 50 years.



#### HIKE, BIKE, RIDE, SKI,...

The Lake Creek Trail is suitable for year round mixed use. Traveling 4,5 miles you will go up a gentle grade from the trailhead just north of the Camp Sherman Community Hall, pass through Ponderosa forest on land managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Deschutes Land Trust, cross Forest Road 12, and work your way up a short, steeper section of heavily wooded trail to Suttle Lake. It is an easy day hike for all age groups, a great bike ride (particularly downhill), and a bracing run on cross country skis in the winter. Portions of the trail are open to equestrians and provide access to the Metolius Windigo Trail.

As a multi use trail courtesy and common sense are the rule. Please keep horse traffic on the north side of the trail and bikes on the south side as indicated on trail markers. Bikers and hikers need to stand well off the trail to let horses pass.

# LAKE CREEK TRAIL

