

# Route change north of Rome - Section 23

The ODT as originally mapped followed the yellow line in the map below, but due to a very aggressive dog that struck fear in the hearts of several hikers, we suggested a reroute to the east of Rome as an alternative. Because the aggressive dog is gone now, and the Jordan Creek crossing can be quite difficult in high water, we are once again suggesting hikers take the road-walk out of Rome to cross the river on a bridge.

All the ODT materials will be updated to reflect this change later this year, in the meantime, please use this description to help you navigate the new/old route:

From Rome Station (OC110) the ODT follows the main dirt road northwest along agricultural fields to a junction, turns right (northeast), and crosses the Owyhee River on a bridge. This road continues northwest after the bridge and passes by a cluster of houses (there is public access on this road). The road climbs northwest up a canyon, and the ODT follows this well-traveled road as it weaves up to the eastern plateau above the Owyhee River. At a fork at the top of the climb the trail turns left (northwest) and continues to waypoint OC116 where it joins the alternate.

9.5 miles

7 miles

We are now calling this the **Jordan Creek Alternate**. Jordan Creek is stunning, but challenging. The highway road walk isn't much fun either.

