

The Frenchman Coulee area is an open semi-desert landscape comprised of variable rock features. In line with the coulee definition, cliffs are prevalent and should be approached with caution. The vegetation is variable from non-existent to thick sage brush. The terrain is runnable, however lots of critter holes/tunnels exist increasing odds of ankle injuries. Where there are critter holes, there are snakes. Gaiters are HIGHLY recommended. There are known rattlesnake nests in surrounding areas and controls were not placed in these locations. With that in mind, snakes migrate small distances through the season, so be aware where you step. While scouting the area, we encountered a snake at close proximity, so we know they are active.

In general, only distinct objects are mapped. There are multiple animal paths that are not included on the map. You will also find that some mapped trails have experienced vegetation growth and are no longer as distinct as they use to be, while there are others extend further than previously mapped. Mapped cliff faces may not be a smooth cliff face, but rather a pile of rocks or boulder cluster. Piles of small rocks may be mapped as a knoll.

The start will be a walk-in of approximately 0.5 km. Please follow flagging directly to the start from the bathroom area near the Vantage Camping Site just past The Feathers. As a popular climbing area, the parking area was extremely busy and full at our last visit. Make accommodation for this when planning arrival time. Map to start is below.

