

## **Southeast Region**

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## 43 Mesa Falls Subloop

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LAT/LONG: 44.1194608,-111.3148237 44.1753252,-111.3167167 44.1878972,-111.3284969

DIRECTIONS: Zero odometer in Ashton, just N of Rexburg; E on ID 47 (Mesa Falls Scenic Byway/FR 294); at mi 15 go L (W) at signed entrance to Lower Mesa Falls for 0.1 mi to overlook. To reach the Upper Mesa Falls overlook, return to ID 47; go 0.6 mi farther N to mp 15.8; L (W) on FR 295 for 1 mi to falls (consider walking this steep, winding mile to bird); from the parking lot at the end of the rd, follow the protected walkway down to Upper Mesa Falls; hike from Upper to Lower Mesa Falls on the 1 mi trail; trailhead is located at Upper Mesa Falls on the E side of the rd between the 2 major parking lots.

Explore the river, waterfalls, and forest for Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers, Red-naped Sapsucker, Cassin's Vireo, and Western Tanager. In the canyon, look for Peregrine Falcon, Bald Eagle and Northern Pygmy-Owl. In winter, forested areas host Ruffed Grouse, Clark's Nutcracker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Townsend's Solitaire, Red Crossbill, and Pine Siskin. Look for Turkey Vulture and Red-tailed Hawk.

