

Hole in the Wall SI Tunnel Hike | Purcells

The first hike for 2019 will be Wednesday April 17th to the Hole in the Wall Tunnel along the SI railroad (Union Pacific from Spokane to Eastport).

High on the cliffs above the Kootenai River, views from the Hole in the Wall Tunnel are spectacular. We'll visit rock enclosures built by the Italian rock workers in 1905. Also, we will see the remains of a trackwalker's shack and the Kalispell Trail. It is a short hike 3 miles total, but you will get your exercise. Do not pack a lunch. We are meeting at the Bread Basket afterward.

We do not have to go into the tunnel, but if we do SI Railroad man Jake Yeoumans assures us that if a train comes by while we are in a tunnel there is ample room to stand as the train goes by.

We will leave the [Big Flag Information Center Parking Lot Bonners Ferry](#) at **9:00AM**. Please be there early so we can arrange rides, and let us know if and where you want to be picked up along the way.

Here is the [SI Tunnels Hike Folder](#), a Google Earth description of the hike. It includes an approximate location of our hike and the points of interest, and the SI Tunnels hike down from Moyie Lumber Mill to Blume Hill Road. We liked the view on that one, but did not like walking on the railroad that far.

It should be a beautiful hike. Plus, see my [Hiking Blog](#) for more information and great views of Boundary County. Please reply by email if you are coming.

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