

Trails

Mt. Hough Ranger District



Feather River Canyon Trails

Ben Lomond - Elev. 2300 - 6450

Trailhead is located at Chips Creek on Hwy 70, approximately 25 miles west of Quincy.

Trail Length - 4.8 miles

Difficulty - Hard

Approx. Hiking Time - 7 hours to Ben Lomond Peak, 9 hours to Chips Lake.

Spectacular view at the top

Indian Springs - Elev. 2300 - 6000

Trailhead is located at the Ely Stamp Mill rest area, across from Belden, approximately 25 miles west of Quincy on Hwy 70.

Trail Length - 6.5 miles

Difficulty - Hard

Approx. Hiking Time - 5 to 6 hours to Indian Springs

Great campsites along the way

Yellow Creek

Trailhead is located to the right of the Ely Stamp Mill rest area, across from Belden, approximately 25 miles west of Quincy on Hwy 70.

Trail Length - 1.4 miles

Difficulty - Easy

Approx. Hiking Time - 1 1/2 hours

This is an enjoyable day hike that ends in a box canyon.

Chambers Creek

Trailhead is located across from Indian Jim school, approximately 40 miles from Quincy on Hwy 70.

Trail Length - 4.2 miles

Difficulty - Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 2 - 3 hours to bridge, 6 hours to the top.

Beautiful waterfalls at bridge

Middle Fork Trails (access Bucks Lake Rd.)

No Ear/ Oddie/ McCarthy Trailheads

From Quincy take the Bucks Lake Rd. Go 4 miles to the Slate Creek Rd., turn left. Go 8.8 miles past Deanes Valley Campground to ridge top. Look for signs. From here take the left fork (23N99), go 1.5 miles to trail signs for Oddie and No Ear Bar trails. The McCarthy Bar trailhead is to left of sign, 1 mile further. 4-wheel drive is recommended.

No Ear Bar

Trail Length - 1.5 miles

Difficulty - Strenuous

Approx. Hiking Time - 1 1/2 hrs. in 2-3 hrs. out.

There is a 1500' decent to the river. Fishing is good. Campsites are few.

Oddie Bar

Trail Length - 1.3 miles

Difficulty - Strenuous

Approx. Hiking Time - 1 hr. to river, 3 hrs. out

McCarthy Bar

Trail Length - 1.7 miles

Difficulty - Strenuous

Approx. Hiking Time - 1 1/2 hrs. in 2 1/2 hrs. out.

Fishing is good. Beautiful views. Campsites are few.



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**Middle Fork Trails
(access from La Porte Rd)**

Lost Cabin Springs/Bachs Creek

Trailheads Through Quincy heading east, go 3.9 miles to LaPorte Rd turn off. Turn right, drive 7.3 miles, make a right turn onto graveled road (23N92). Sign states Lost Cabin Springs and Middle Fork Trails. Proceed 2.1 miles to "Y", take left fork (23N92A) for 1 mile to Lost Cabin Springs.

Lost Cabin Springs

Trailhead is located down road from Lost Cabin Springs.

Trail Length - .8 miles

Difficulty - Strenuous, Very Steep

Approx. Hiking Time - 45 mins in, 1 1/2 hrs out.

Caution, Watch your footing!

Bachs Creek

Trailhead located down road from Lost Cabin Springs.

Trail Length - 2.4 miles

Difficulty - Strenuous, Very Steep

Approx. Hiking Time - 1 1/2 hrs. in, 3 hrs. out.

Bucks Lake Wilderness Trails

From Quincy go west 9.2 miles on Bucks Lake Rd, turn right on graveled road (24N29X).

Note: Silver Lake sign. Proceed 6.4 miles to campground and lake. There is approximately 20 miles of the PCT in the Bucks Lake Wilderness.

Gold Lake Trail

Trailhead is located at Silver Lake Campground.

Trail Length - 1.5 miles

Difficulty - Easy

Approx. Hiking Time - 30 mins.

Swimming and fishing at the lake. Campsites are limited. This trail accesses the Bucks Lake Wilderness and the Pacific Crest Trail.

Granite Gap

Trailhead junction marked by a sign on Gold Lake Trail.

Trail Length - .9 miles

Difficulty - Easy, Steep

Approx. Hiking Time - 30 mins

Accesses Mud Lake, Rock Lake, and the PCT, where Granite Gap terminates. Campsites at Mud Lake, limited sites at Rock Lake.

Mill Creek Trail

Trailhead is located approximately 1/2 mile west of Whitehorse Campground on the Bucks Lake Rd, near the Bucks Creek parking area. Trail follows the northeast shore of Bucks Lake.

Trail Length - 5.5 miles

Difficulty - Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 3 hrs.

RECOMMENDED for horses. Motor Vehicles PROHIBITED.

Right Hand Branch of Mill Creek

Trail leaves the Mill Creek trail on the northeast shore of Bucks Lake.

Trail Length - 6 miles

Difficulty - Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 3 hrs.

Three Lakes Trail

Trailhead is located at Lower Three Lakes. A narrow, very rough road with turnouts leads 13 miles from Lower Bucks Lake to the trailhead.

Trail Length - 1 mile

Difficulty - Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 1 hr.

RECOMMENDED for horses, motor vehicles PROHIBITED.

Three Lakes PCT Tie

This trail utilizes the above mentioned access and trailhead. It is an easy 1/2 mile to the PCT. RECOMMENDED for horses. motor vehicles PROHIBITED.

Bucks Lake Area Trails

Grizzly Forebay Trail

The main road to the trailhead goes past Lower Bucks Lake. It is a pleasant 1 1/4 mile trail extending along the north shore of Grizzly Forebay to the inlet of Grizzly Creek. There are a few short, steep pitches along the trail. NOT RECOMMENDED for horses, motorbikes PROHIBITED.

Grizzly Forebay Gauging Station Trail

Trailhead parking is at the Forebay Trail trailhead. The trail leaves the road west of the parking area descending to the dam and descending gradually 1/3 mile to the Stream Gauging Station. NOT RECOMMENDED for horses. Motorbikes PROHIBITED.

Bucks Summit Trail

Trailhead is located at Bucks Summit on the Bucks Lake Rd. This trail is a loop trail. It is an excellent cross country skiing trail in the winter and a good horse trail in the summer.

Length of Trail - 5 miles

Difficulty - Easy

Approx. Hiking Time - 2 1/2 hrs.

Kellogg Lake Trail

This trail is not maintained at this time.

Antelope Lake Area Trails

Antelope Lake/ Taylor Lake Trail

Trailhead is located right before the dam at Antelope Lake on the Genesee Rd. This trail is an excellent horse trail. The trail will take you through meadows and you will cross creeks, but most of the time you will travel through a forested area. As you reach the top it will open up and offer spectacular views. This trail connects with the Middle Creek and the Cold Stream trails.

Length of Trail - 10 miles

Difficulty - Easy to Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 4 to 5 hours

Cold Stream Trail

Trailhead is located 2 miles south of Antelope Lake on the Genesee Rd.

Length of Trail - 2 1/2 miles

Difficulty - Easy to Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 1 1/2 hours one way

Middle Creek Trail

Trailhead is located 7 1/2 miles south of Antelope Lake on the Genesee Rd, just past the Hungry Creek Rd. turnoff.

Length of Trail - 5 1/2 miles

Difficulty - Easy to Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 2 1/2 hours one way

This trail winds through mostly virgin country. You will see beautiful meadows along the way, and in the fall the aspen trees are a brilliant yellow. Fishing in Hungry Creek and Middle Creek is good. This trail is an excellent horse trail.

Accessible Fishing Trail

This trail is located in the Long Point Campground at Antelope Lake. This trail is wheelchair accessible. A cement path leads to a picnic area and a fishing dock. There is an accessible restroom and drinking fountain along the trail.

**PACK IT IN!
PACK IT OUT!**

Nature Trails

Round Valley Lake Nature Trail

Trailhead is located near the parking area at Round Valley Lake.

Length of Trail - 1 mile loop

Difficulty - Easy to Moderate

Approx. Hiking Time - 30 mins.

Antelope Lake Nature Trail

Trailhead is located near Lone Rock Campground. This trail provides an opportunity to learn about the wildlife in the area.

Length of Trail - 1/4 miles

Difficulty - Easy

North Fork Fishing Trail

The trailhead is located at the PG&E Powerhouse on the Caribou Rd. From Hwy 70 take the Caribou Rd and travel 8 miles to the powerhouse. This trail provides fishing access to the North Fork of the Feather River.

Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)

The Pacific Crest Trail is one of the most scenic trails in America. It spans 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada. About 70 miles of the Trail stretch across Plumas National Forest, with elevations ranging from 2,400 to 7,000 feet. On the Mt. Hough District the PCT can be accessed at Belden in the Feather River Canyon, and at Bucks Summit on the Bucks Lake Rd.

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Trail Updates

“Antelope Lake Area”

Cold Stream Trail

Due to the effects of the Stream Fire, which burned through this area in 2001, the trail is impassible from the Cold Stream trailhead up to the Antelope/ Taylor Trail junction. Major trail reconstruction will need to be accomplished before this trail can be re-opened to the public. We hope to complete the work in 2006.

Antelope/ Taylor Trail

The Antelope/ Taylor Trail is ten-miles long and connects Antelope Lake and Taylor Lake. This trail also received damage from the Steam Fire in 2001. The trail remains open, however, there are dead trees across portions of the trail and in certain sections the trail is difficult to locate because of the fire that burned through the area.

Middle Creek Trail

The Middle Creek Trail remains open from Genesee Rd., up to the junction of the Antelope/ Taylor Trail.

“Feather River Canyon”

Ben Lomond or Chips Creek Trail

The Ben Lomond Trail sustained major damage from the Storrie Fire in 2000. Approximately two miles in the trail is overgrown with brush and is near impossible to follow.