

Trails

Beckwourth Ranger District



Lakes Basin Trails

Backpack camping is only allowed in the vicinity of Smith Lake, Grass Lake, Wades Lake, Rock Lake and Jamison Lake. Most of these limited campsites are utilized during summer weekends. Backpack camping is prohibited at all other lakes because of high use in the area.

Bear Lake Connector Elev. 6480 - 6600

The trailhead is located off the road to Gold Lake Lodge.

Trail Length - .5 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail leads to Big Bear Lake.

Bear Lakes Loop Elev. 6360 - 6640

The trailhead is located at the Long Lake

Trailhead at the end of the Lakes Basin Campground road .

Trail Length – 2 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail leads past Big Bear Lake, Little Bear Lake and Cub Lake. It also connects to the Silver Lake Trail and Long Lake.

Fern Falls Overlook Elev. 6200

The trailhead is located on the Gold Lake Hwy.

Trail Length - .1 mile

Difficulty – Easy

Trail crosses Gray Eagle Creek and leads to a scenic overlook near Fern Falls.

Gray Eagle Creek Elev. 5365-5800

Trailhead is located off the Gray Eagle Lodge road just west of Gray Eagle Creek.

Trail Length – 2 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail descends along west side of Gray Eagle Creek.

Gray Eagle Creek / Smith Creek Connector

Elev. 5380 - 5440

Trail Length - 2.4 miles

Difficulty -- Moderate

Connector goes from Smith Creek Trail over a ridge to Gray Eagle Creek Trail.

Frazier Falls Elev. 6200 - 6240

Trailhead is located on the old Gold Lake road.

Trail Length - .5 miles

Difficulty – Easy

A paved trail leads to a fenced scenic overlook of the 176 foot tall Frazier Falls. Bicycles, motorcycles, and horses are prohibited. Individuals in wheelchairs may need assistance. Wheelchair rating difficult.

Grassy Lake Elev. 6320 - 6400

Trailhead is located in Lakes Basin Campground.

Trail Length – .8 mile

Difficulty – Easy

Trail leads past Grassy Lake and crosses Gray Eagle Creek to the Long Lake trail.

Jamison Creek Elev. 5280 - 6280

Trailhead is located at Jamison Mine in Plumas Eureka State Park.

Trail Length – 2.7 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail climbs steadily to the PCT passing Grass Lake, and the Jamison Lake, Wades Lake and Rock Lake trail junctions.

Jamison Lake Elev. 6000 - 6380

Trail is located off the Jamison Creek Trail.

Trail Length – .8 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail climbs steadily to Jamison Lake.

Lily Lake Elev. 5800 - 6000

The trailhead is on the Gold Lake Hwy.

Trail Length - .8 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail descends to Lily Lake and continues on crossing Gray Eagle Creek to the Long Lake Trail.



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Long Lake Elev. 5800 - 6560

Trailhead is located off the Gray Eagle Lodge road just west of Gray Eagle Creek.

Trail Length – 3 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail climbs gradually to Long Lake passing Lily and Grassy Lake trail intersections, proceeding to Mt. Elwell trail from Long Lake. Long Lake can also be accessed from the Bear Lakes Loop.

Long Lake Connect Elev. 6520 - 6680

Trail Length .8 miles

Difficulty - Moderate

Trail connects Bear Lake Loop to Long Lake Trail.

Mt. Elwell Elev. 6100-7812

Trail is located off the Smith Lake Trail.

Trail Length – 4.7 miles

Difficulty – Difficult

Trail leaves the Smith Lake Trail and climbs steadily to Mt. Elwell. It then descends to the Long Lake Trail junction. Horses not recommended.

Mt. Washington Elev. 6800 - 7369

Trail is located off the Jamison Creek Trail near the PCT.

Trail Length – 1.4 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail leaves the Jamison Creek Trail and extends north along the ridge to near the top of Mt. Washington.

Mud Lake Elev. 6720 - 7000

Trail is located off the Long Lake Trail.

Trail Length – 1.2 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail connects the Silver Lake Trail to the Mt. Elwell Trail / Long Lake Trail junction.

Red Fir Nature Trail Elev. 7040

Trailhead is located on the Mills Peak Lookout road.

Trail Length - .5 miles

Difficulty – Easy

Signed trail interpreting the ecosystem within a red fir stand.

Round Lake Elev. 6560 - 6700

Trailhead is located off the Gold Lake Lodge road.

Trail Length – 2.4 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail leads to Round Lake and continues on to the PCT and connects to Silver Lake. Horses are not recommended between Round and Silver Lakes.

Silver Lake Elev. 6700 - 7320

Trail takes off the Bear Lakes Loop.

Trail Length – 1.9 miles

Difficulty – Difficult

Trail begins on the west side of Bear Lakes Loop trail. and climbs to Silver Lake. It continues on past Mud Lake trail junction and Hellgrammite Lakes to the PCT.

Silver Lake / Round Lake Connect

Elev. 6670 - 6716

Trail Length - .9 miles

Difficulty - Difficult

Trail goes from Silver Lake to Round Lake.

Smith Creek Elev. 4600 - 6080



located off the Smith Lake Trail.

Trail Length – 1.2 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail descends along Smith Creek to Private Property.

Smith Lake Elev. 5720 - 6200

Trailhead is located off the Gray Eagle Lodge road.

Trail Length – 2.5 miles

Difficulty – Moderate

Trail climbs steadily to Smith Lake and then down to Jamison Creek trail.

Wades Lake /Jamison Lake Connector

Elev. 6200 - 6549

Trail Length - 1 mile

Difficulty - Moderate

Trailhead is located at Wades Lake and connects to the Jamison Lake trail. Trail has several steep and rocky sections. Horses not recommended.

Frazier Creek Trail Elev. 5920 - 5600

Trail Length - 1.4 miles

Difficulty - Moderate

Trailhead off Frazier Falls Road. Trail goes down to Frazier Creek.

Outside of Recreation Areas

Jackson Creek Elev. 4480 - 4240

The trailhead is across the road from the Jackson Creek Picnic Area.

Trail Length- .5 miles

Trail passes under the highway and then continues half a mile down to the Middle Fork of the Feather River.

East Nelson Creek Elev. 6340 - 5120

Trailhead is at McRae campsite.

Trail Length- 3 miles

It descends down through meadows and aspen groves before ending at an old logging road.

Frenchman Lake Trails

Big Cove Connector Elev. 5600 - 5640

Trail Length - .8 miles

Difficulty – Easy

Trail connects the Big Cove and Spring Creek Campgrounds.

Big Cove Enabler Elev. 5600 - 5640

Trail Length - .2 miles

Difficulty – Easy

Trail is universally accessible and leads from Big Cove Campground to the lake.

Spring Creek Connector Elev. 5640 - 5680

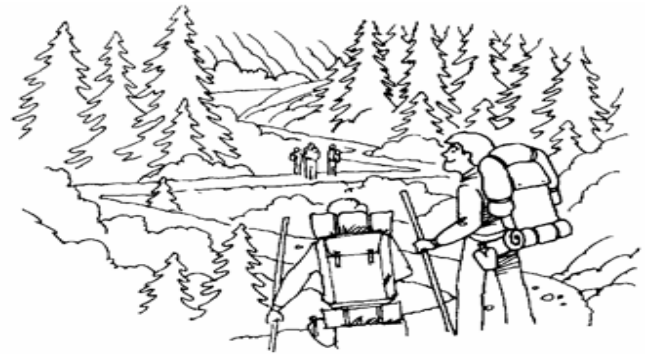
Trail Length - .2 miles

Difficulty – Easy

Trail connects the Spring Creek Campground and Frenchman Picnic Area.

Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)

The Pacific Crest Trail can be accessed on the Beckwourth Ranger District in the Lakes Basin Area. The trails that access it are: Jamison Creek Trail, Silver Lake Trail and the Round Lake Trail. The Pacific Crest Trail is one of America's first scenic trails in the National Trails System and spans approximately 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada. The major portion of the trail follows rugged mountain ranges and offers backpackers and equestrians opportunities to see beautiful vistas and the chance to travel through some of the most spectacular country in the United States. It is intended for hikers and horseback riders. All motorized vehicles and bicycles are prohibited by Federal Law. The Pacific Crest Trail Association is an excellent source of information for anyone planning a trip on the PCT. You can contact them at www.pcta.org.



**Pack It In!
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