

DAY HIKES

Klamath National Forest



Leave No Trace

Natural areas are fragile and we need your help to protect and maintain them for future visitors to enjoy. Leave any area looking like you've never been there. Stay on designated trails to reduce erosion and scarring problems. When hiking in a trailless area, avoid paths that disturb streambanks, lakeshores, meadows, or wildlife. The wilderness belongs to you. Please help protect this special place by practicing low impact traveling.

Marble Mountain Wilderness

Boulder Creek Trailhead

T43N R11W S32

Wrights Lakes - A very steep, 4.5 mile hike leads from Boulder Creek Trailhead to the Wrights Lakes. Portions of this trail pass through meadow areas and can be quite obscure. Expect cattle in the area.

Box Camp Trailhead

T44N R11W S32

Box Camp Ridge - This moderately difficult trail intersects the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) a few miles north of Marble Valley. A 3.5 to 4 mile hike from the trailhead passes through Big Rock Camp and leads to Black Marble Mountain. This is a scenic alternative to the more heavily traveled Canyon Creek route.

Haypress Trailhead

T13N R7E S32

Haypress Meadow Complex - A 3 mile hike from the trailhead leads into the heart of the Haypress Meadows. The entire complex is a 14 square mile area composed of low elevation meadows that follow the watercourses of gently rolling terrain. There are beautiful displays of wildflowers.

Let'er Buck Trailhead

T13N R7E S32

Let'er Buck Meadows - This low use trail is 1.7 miles one way. It is maintained to the high standards of

a stock trail though the route is quite steep until the ridge is reached. Several beautiful meadows are passed along the way before the junction with the Haypress Trail. The crossing of Let'er Buck Meadows can be confusing. From either direction pick out the opening in the trees almost straight across before starting into the meadow.

Lovers Camp Trailhead

T43N R11W S8

Marble Valley - This moderately difficult hike of about 4.5 miles along the Canyon Creek Trail leads to Marble Valley at the PCT. Hikers can see historic Marble Valley Cabin built in the 1930's by the Forest Service for administrative work and staffed until the 1960's. From here, hikers can wander around the east slopes of Marble Mountain and the Marble Rim. Remember to practice *Leave No Trace* hiking.

Marble Rim - From Marble Valley, hike about 1 mile south on the PCT to Four Corners, then turn to the northwest on the Rim Trail. A steep, one mile hike leads to a spectacular view of the west face of the Marble Rim overlooking Rainy Valley.

Sky High Valley - Overall, this hike is moderately difficult. Four miles up Canyon Creek Trail, turn east. An easier hike of 1.5 miles puts hikers in the beautiful Sky High Basin which holds Upper and Lower Sky High Lakes, Frying Pan Lake, and a huge meadow complex. Continuing another half a mile leads to the PCT. Head north to Marble Valley for a nice loop back to the Canyon Creek Trail.

Paradise Trailhead

T44N R12W S1

Paradise Lake - Located in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, the trail provides 2 miles of steep, moderately difficult hiking. The lake is shallow with one deep hole.

King's Castle Rock Formation - For those who like a little more climbing, there is King's Castle Rock Formation just west of Paradise Lake. This can be reached by a strenuous climb up the east side of Paradise Lake or by following the PCT north to the ridgetop and following it back.

Shackleford Creek Trailhead



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Log Lake - Log Lake is accessed by an easy to moderate 3 mile trail that follows Shackleford Creek. Stock water and corrals are available at the trailhead. One can expect to see cattle in the area during the managed grazing season.

Campbell Lake - Just 4 and a quarter miles from the trailhead, this is the first large lake on the Shackleford Creek Trail. To find the moderately difficult trail, walk above Log Lake to the upper end of the meadow, and take the trail to the left.

Stanshaw Trailhead

T13N R16E S24

Stanshaw Meadows Trail - This is a rarely used, 2.5 mile trail with a number of moderate ups and downs. The meadows are beautiful, filled with wildflowers and usually a few cows during the summer months. A small creek runs near the trailhead but there are no facilities for stock.

Russian Wilderness

Deacon Lee Trailhead

T39N R10W S8

Lower Russian Lake - The distance between the trailhead and the lake is a difficult 4 miles. The trail does not go all the way down to the lake. Hikers must travel cross-country from Waterdog Lake or from the South Russian Trail. Golden Russian, Waterdog, and Russian Lakes are within half a mile and are all nice day hikes from this lake. Remember to tread lightly when travelling off the main trail. Don't take paths that disturb streams, meadows, or wildlife. Avoid scarring the land with new trails that others will be tempted to use.

Russian Lake - This lake is used very heavily. It is 4.5 miles of difficult hiking from the trailhead.

Siphon Lake - Worth a visit, this lake lies on the southwestern border of the Russian Wilderness, a difficult 4.5 miles from the trailhead. It is located on a dry, rocky site. The name derives from the practice of siphoning water from some of the mountain lakes in the area for irrigation purposes in Scott Valley.

Duck-Eaton Trailhead

T40N R9W S8

Big and Little Duck Lakes - A moderately difficult hike of 4 miles leads up a steep trail to Big Duck Lake. Half a mile more of difficult hiking leads to Little Duck Lake.

Eaton Lake Trail - This 4.5 mile trail is not easy to follow, being somewhat faint in places and very steep. A relatively private, 11-acre lake is the reward.

Horseshoe Lake - This lake is a difficult 4 miles from the trailhead. By following the abandoned road beyond the junction of the Duck and Eaton Lake Trails for a mile or so, visitors come to 6-acre Horseshoe Lake.

Lipstick Lake - The lake is a difficult 4 mile hike from the trailhead. Take the signed trail following the roadbed past Horse Range Creek. Look for the Lipstick Lake Trail sign. Another mile up a steep trail will bring you to the tiny 1.25 acre Lipstick Lake.

Music Creek Trailhead

T40N R10W S13

Statue Lake - Majestic granite pillars rise from this unusual lake. The distance from the trailhead to the lake is 2.5 miles of easy hiking. Towards the end of the hike, one has to leave the trail and travel cross country to the lake. There is horse range available as well. Remember to tread lightly when travelling off the main trail. Don't take paths that disturb streams, meadows, or wildlife. Avoid scarring the land with new trails that others will be tempted to use.

Taylor Lake Trailhead

T41N R10W

Taylor Lake - Half a mile of easy hiking reaches this popular lake. The earth packed trail will accommodate wheelchairs. Wheelchairs with wide tires are recommended. Some physically challenged visitors may need assistance. This is a nice lake to visit with the elderly or very young children.

Siskiyou Wilderness

Kelly Lake Trailhead

T18N R6E S33

Kelly Lake - This wilderness lake can be reached by an easy quarter mile hike from the trailhead. Toilet facilities are available at the trailhead. A picnic table and fire ring are available at each end of the lake. From the back of Kelly Lake, an easy 3 mile trail leads to a big, beautiful meadow near Poker Flat.

Elbow Springs Trailhead

T15N R5E S25

Bear Lake - Not to be confused with Bear Lake in the Marble Mountains, this lake rests in the southeastern portion of the Siskiyou Wilderness, 3 miles from the trailhead. The moderately difficult trail passes by Bear Peak and through Little Bear Valley. Hikers can reach

Lower Bear Lake by traveling a quarter mile farther to the north.

Trinity Alps Wilderness

Note: Groups are limited to ten persons and Wilderness Entry Permits are required for overnight trips in the Trinity Alps Wilderness.

Carter Meadows Summit Trailhead

T39N R9W S21

Hidden Lake - A short, easy to moderate trail leads to this small lake. It has many scenic vistas. Hike about 50 feet south to the PCT in the gap below the trailhead and turn southwest on the trail leading up the ridge. Follow this trail about 1 mile to the lake. There is a short segment of rocky trail on this route.

South Fork Lakes - A little over a mile from the trailhead, these lakes are located at the headwaters of the South Fork of the Scott River. Take the PCT south to the trail junction. Turn right and begin the climb. Portions of this trail are uncomfortably steep for horsemen. Visitors should leave someone with the stock in the meadow basin located above the PCT and follow the trail on foot to the lakes.

Fox Creek Trailhead

T39N R8W S18

Fox Creek Ridge - This is a moderately difficult trail accessing several backcountry lakes. A short detour from the trail leads to Mavis Lake for a total hike of about 3 miles. Half a mile further is Fox Creek Lake. Crosscountry another half a mile through the rocks leads to Virginia and Section Line Lakes. Stock loading ramp and hitch racks are available at the trailhead. Remember to tread lightly when travelling off the main trail. Don't take paths that disturb streams, meadows, or wildlife. Avoid scarring the land with new trails that others will be tempted to use.

Middle Boulder Trailhead

T39N R8W S17

West Boulder Creek Trail Lakes - This is a good 2.5 mile hike with some steep pitches. In areas, the trail becomes indistinct. Two smaller lakes open to public use sit above Middle Boulder Lake. Middle Boulder Lake is on private land so please be courteous. Always stay on the trail when crossing private land. Stock corrals are available at the trailhead.

East Boulder Trailhead

T39N R8W S9

East Boulder Lake - An easy to moderate trail of 2 miles leads to this exceptional 32 acre lake. Access is suitable for family outings. The area is an open panoramic basin surrounded by rocky peaks. A nice cascading stream flows from East Boulder Creek, a quarter mile below the lake.

Little Mill Trailhead

T39N R8W S34

Little Mill Creek:

The moderately difficult trail accesses a lightly used, very scenic portion of the Trinity Alps. It features possible side trips to Washbasin Lake which is about 2 miles from the trailhead, and some great views of East Boulder Lake. Lake fishing is available 2.5 miles up the trail at Little Mill Creek Lake. Evidence of mining and cattle grazing can be found in the area. The trail becomes a bit obscure in the meadows.

Fish Lake Trailhead

T39N R10W S25

Fish Lake - This is a modest lake, more like a pond, situated in a rocky basin. It is accessed via a moderately difficult 3 mile trail out of Carter Meadows. The trail from the lake to the ridgetop is steep and rocky but provides a nice loop with the Long Gulch Trail. It is not recommended at this time for stock traffic.

Long Gulch Trailhead

T39N R9W S29

Long Gulch Lake - This is a popular destination. The lake is around 3 miles up the moderately difficult trail. The trailhead is located between the Trail Gulch and Fish Lake Trailheads. The trail continues past the lake's outlet to the ridgetop, then around to tie in with the Trail Gulch Trail, providing a very nice loop. Another loop possibility is to take the trail to the west about a quarter mile below the lake. This ties to the Fish Lake Creek Trail. It is recommended to park a car at each trailhead, if possible.

Trail Gulch Trailhead

T39N R9W S29

Trail Gulch Lake - This lake is nicely situated in rugged country 2 miles up a moderately difficult trail. It is also a popular spot for day rides and for fishing. As mentioned above, there is a nice loop trip to Long Gulch Trail and it is recommended to park a car at each trailhead, if possible.

Non-Wilderness

Sulphur Springs Trailhead

T15N R8E S29

Elk Creek - The trail leaves Sulphur Springs Campground 15 miles south of Happy Camp. A cool, shady walk with nice views of Elk Creek awaits hikers on this trail. A 2 mile hike up the trail leads to a small, designated picnic area by the creek. For a longer trip, hikers can continue a pleasant walk along the creek towards the northern border of the Marble Mountain Wilderness.

Grider Creek Trailhead

T46N R12W S27

Grider Creek & Pacific Crest Trail - From Grider Creek Campground, hikers will find a pleasant and easy 3 mile hike along Grider Creek on the PCT. This cool, shady trail is in great shape.

Juanita Lake Trailhead

T46N R2W S20

Juanita Lake - The lake is located at Juanita Lake Campground. A 1.5 mile paved, barrier free trail circles the lake, making this a nice hike for all.

Ball Mountain Lookout - For the more skilled and ambitious hikers, a 6 mile trail leaves the lake and climbs 2,700 feet along closed roads to a historical, wooden lookout. The lookout is locked but hikers are welcome to explore around it. Back track to return to the lake.

Kangaroo Lake Trailhead

T40N R7W S14

Fen Trail - This is an excellent short hike of moderate difficulty with spectacular views of Kangaroo Lake and Scott Valley. This self-guided interpretive trail starts at the edge of the road just before the Kangaroo Lake Campground. Look for brochures at the trailhead. The trail ends one and a quarter miles later with an elevation gain of 600 feet at the top of the ridge on the PCT. Many unique and interesting flora can be seen among the diverse habitat of this trail.

Kangaroo Lake - This lake has many accessible features and is a great place for kids. Fishing is good and there is a vague trail around the lake for adventurous hikers. The trail is not accessible for young children or the physically challenged.

Lower Little North Fork Trailhead

T40N R12W S24

Sur Cree Falls - At 2800 feet and 3 miles of moderately difficult trail, the falls are a good destination for a short trip. Plenty of fishing opportunities exist along the trail.

Trail conditions are subject to change and there are few signs on the trails. It is advisable to obtain maps of the areas you plan to visit. For current information contact:

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