

Halls Ranch Trail - Indian Valley Area

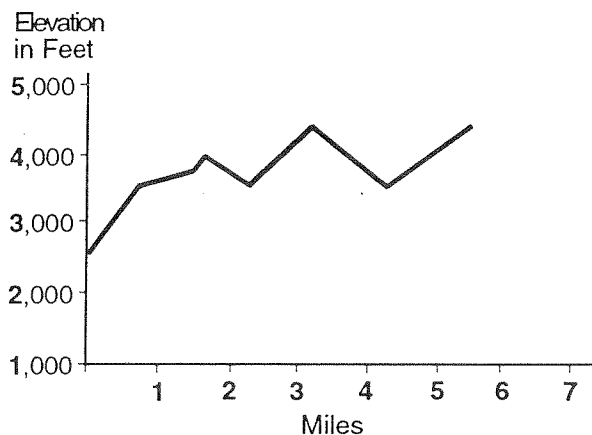
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General Information

Mileage: 5.5 miles one way
Elevation: 2600 - 4400
Difficulty: Difficult
Use Level: Light
Season: April - November
Topographic Map: Goodyears Bar 7.5

Trail Profile



Access

From Downieville, follow Highway 49 west for five miles to the Indian Rock Picnic Area located across the highway from Ramshorn Campground and Summer Home tract. Park here. The trail begins just off the access road to the Summer Home Tract.

Trail Description

Cross the highway and follow the road to the Summer Home Tract. The trail begins a hundred feet up this road. The first three miles are the most rewarding as it climbs to the ridgetop offering spectacular views of the North Yuba drainage. After a short hike along the ridge it drops

into Fiddle Creek, an ideal site for picnicking and relaxing. It immediately climbs over another ridge and drops into Little Fiddle Creek before making the final ascent to Halls Ranch. During high runoff, the creeks can be quite challenging to cross, please use extra caution. Beyond Fiddle Creek, the trail passes through the Indian Burn, a result of a 10,000 acre fire that occurred in late summer, 1987. Some stretches of the trail through the burn can be hard to follow during certain times of the year when vegetation grows in and over the trail.

Those who can arrange transportation, may wish to be dropped off below Halls Ranch Station and be picked up at the Indian Rock Picnic Area. Hiking the trail in this direction, the road to Halls Ranch begins near the Indian Valley Outpost and is paved most of the way. Follow the signs to Cal Ida. (4.6 miles beyond Highway 49) At Cal Ida, stay on Forest Rd 25 and continue 4 miles to Halls Ranch. Turn onto the dirt road at the Halls Ranch Guard Station, pass the buildings and continue 1.25 miles, (veering right at the fork) to the trailhead.

Note:

Only water from developed systems at recreation sites is maintained safe to drink. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal waste. Water from springs, lakes, ponds, and streams should be properly treated before drinking. One recommended method is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for 5 minutes.

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