



Forest Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Long Lake Trail



Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District

Trail Description

This six mile out and back hike extends from the trailhead near Gray Eagle Lodge to intersect with Mt. Elwell Trail and Mud Lake Trail. Long Lake Dam is 2.2 miles from the trailhead. The better parts of what Lakes Basin has to offer is available along the way. This includes access to waterfalls, summer and fall wildflowers, wildlife, access to lakes and grand vistas.

The trail begins on the southwest end of the parking area and quickly skirts around Gray Eagle Lodge. After .8 mile is an access trail to Hawly Falls. At 1.3 miles is an intersection with Grassy Lake Trail, leading to the Lakes Basin Campground. Along the .9 mile stretch from the Grassy Lake Trail intersection to the dam, wildflowers seem to bloom throughout the summer and fall. And, snow persists into early summer.

The trail heading from the east side of the dam is the .8 mile Long Lake Connector Trail leading to the Bear Lakes Loop.

Long Lake Trail continues on the west side of the lake skirting the lake and climbing to an intersection with Mt. Elwell Trail and Mud Lake Trail. On the way back visit the cool waters of the lake for lunch and relaxation.

Driving Directions

From Graeagle go south about 1.5 miles on Highway 89. Turn right onto Gold Lake Highway. Drive 4 miles and turn right at Gray Eagle Lodge. Just before the lodge, turn toward Smith Lake Trail. Smith Lake Trailhead is at the southwest end of the parking area.



Related Activities

- Explore other areas of Lakes Basin Recreation Area
- Observe wildlife
- Flowers and Fall colors
- Photography
- Visit Plumas Eureka State Park
- Visit Frazier Falls Accessible Trail—a fee area
- Petroglyph Interpretive Trail near Lakes Basin Campground
- Continue on the Mt. Elwell Trail for panoramic views of Sierra Buttes to Mt. Lassen

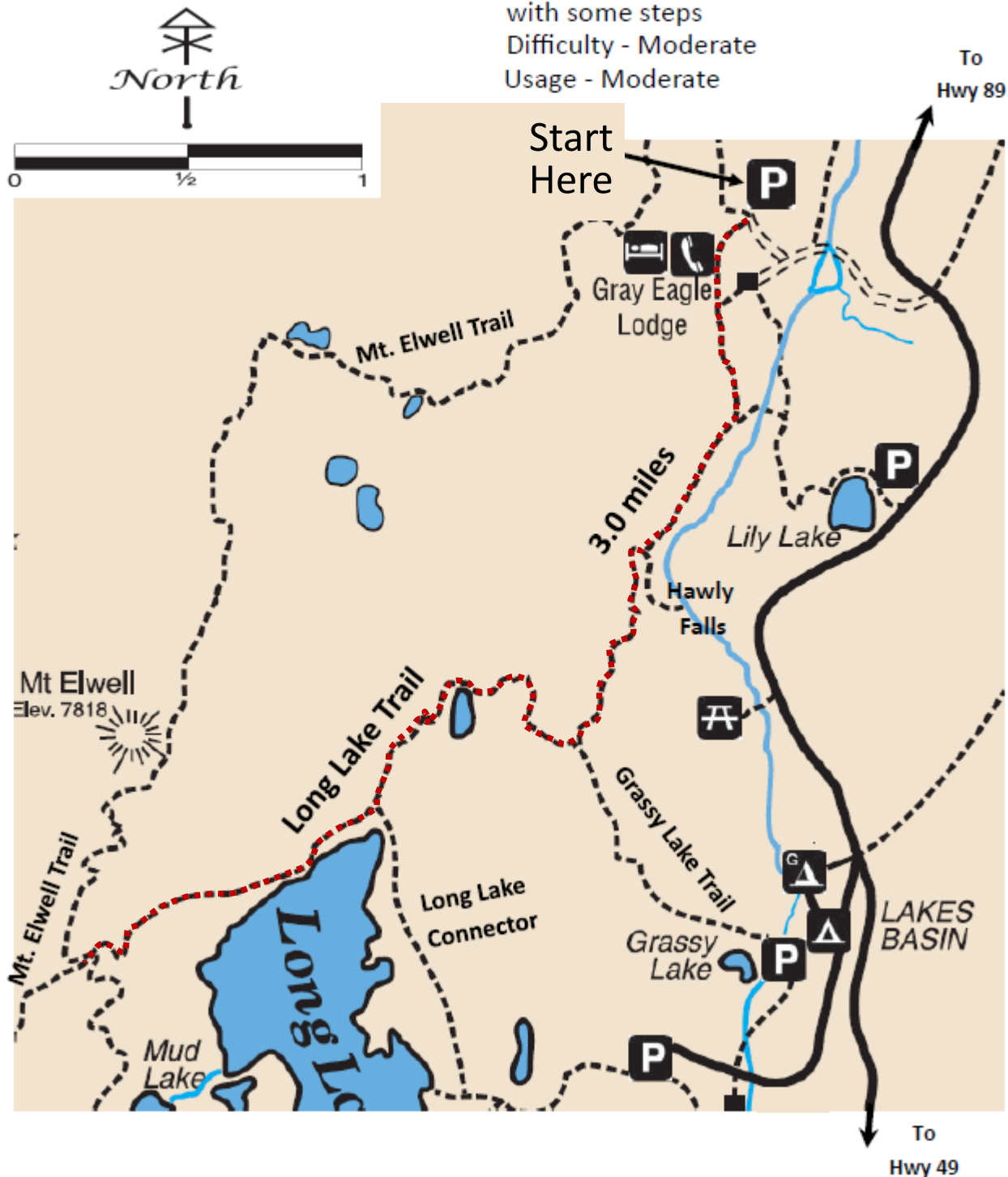
Notes

- Open to foot, biking and equestrian traffic
- Do not crush brush or block traffic when parking
- Pack out all trash
- A restroom is available at the parking area
- Do not drink from naturally occurring water sources without proper water treatment
- Dogs must be under control at all times
- Dress for changing weather conditions

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Trail Elevation - 6080' - 7000'
Trail Distance - 3.0 miles
Out and Back
Surface - Dirt and gravel with some steps
Difficulty - Moderate
Usage - Moderate



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For more information;

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