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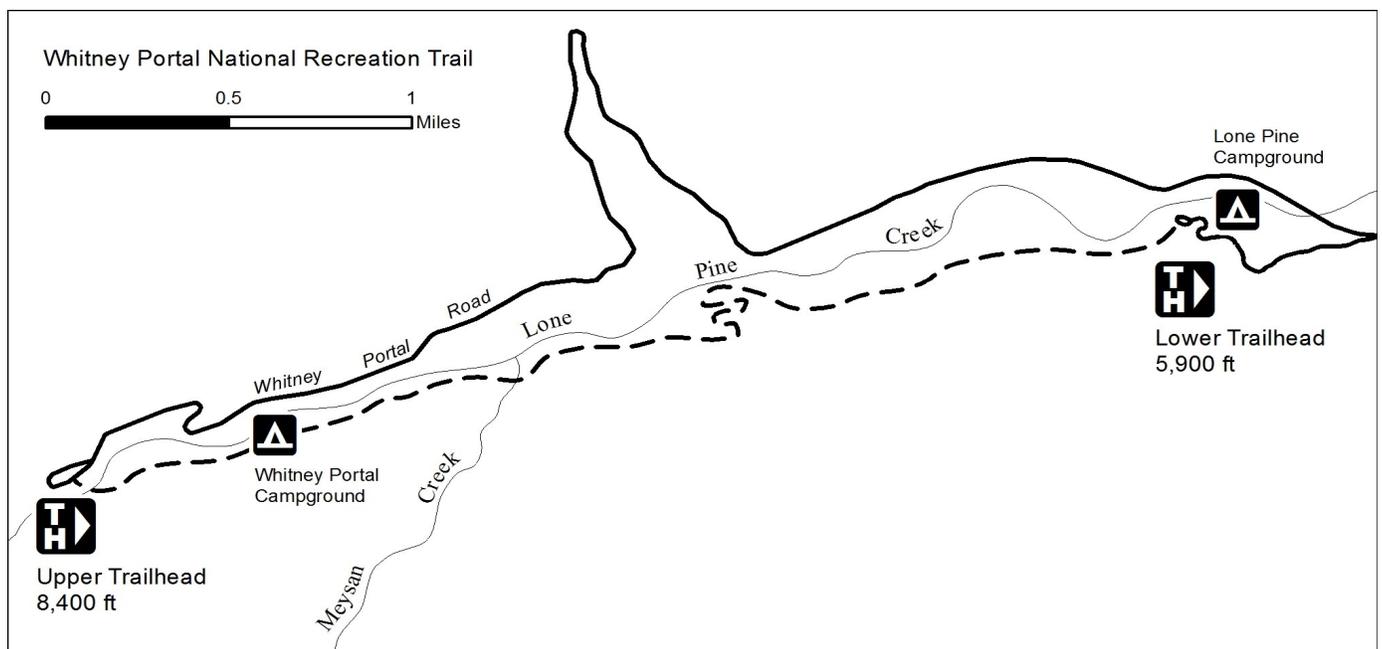
Inyo National Forest



Whitney Portal National Recreation Trail

The Whitney Portal National Recreation Trail (“The NRT”) connects Lone Pine Campground and Whitney Portal. It was once part of Mt. Whitney Trail, but was abandoned when the road to Whitney Portal was constructed in 1933. In 1979, the abandoned section of trail was reconstructed and became known as the Whitney Portal National Recreation Trail.

The trail is approximately 4 miles long and changes 2,700 feet in elevation. There are two trailheads. The lower trailhead is in Lone Pine Campground, and the upper trailhead is at Whitney Portal. The upper portion of the trail is in a forested canyon near Lone Pine Creek. The lower portion is more open and can be very hot in summer. Lower portion of The NRT is popular in spring, when desert wildflowers bloom.



Access:

From US 395 in the center of Lone Pine CA, turn west on Whitney Portal Road. The lower trailhead is located approximately 6 miles west of Lone Pine at the west end of Lone Pine Campground. The upper trailhead is located approximately 13 miles west of Lone Pine, at the end of Whitney Portal Road, near the picnic area.

Season:

The trail is relatively snow free from approximately April through November. For the rest of the year, ice or snow may cover upper portions of the trail.

The last six miles of Whitney Portal Road are not maintained in winter and may be closed.

Trailhead Facilities:

Water: Yes

Bear Resistant Food Storage Lockers: Yes

Campgrounds: The nearest campgrounds are Lone Pine Campground and Whitney Portal Campground.

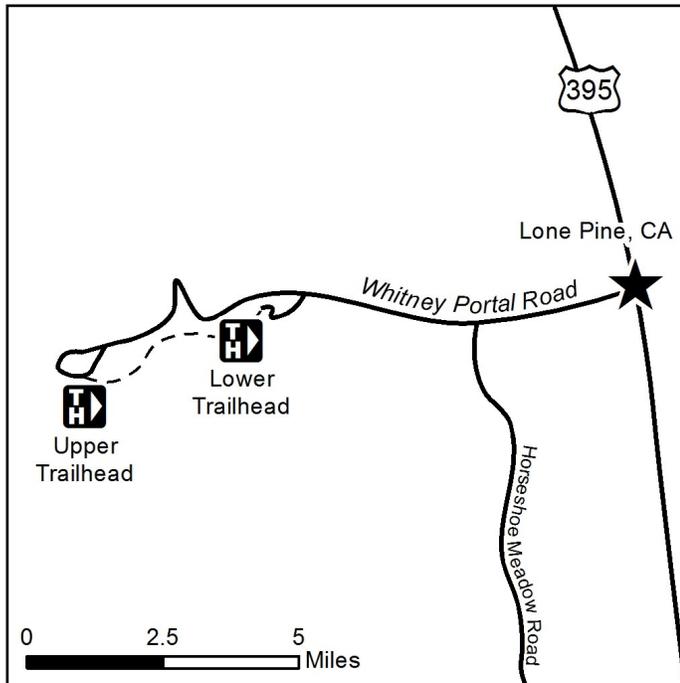
On The Trail:

Bicycles, motor vehicles, stock and camping are prohibited.



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Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Maps:

USGS Quad: Mount Langley, California

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