



Hiking Trails

Sequoia National Forest

Western Divide Ranger District



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TRAIL NAME	TRAIL #	APPROX MILES	LOW	HIGH	EASY	MOD	STREN	BIKE
Long Meadow	31E15	7.6	6,800'	9,000'		X	X	
Summit (GTW)	31E14	11.3	8,400'	9,920'				
Summit (South)	31E14	25	7,000'	9,000'		X		X
Clicks Creek	32E11	8.2	6,200'	7,800'		X	X	
Lewis Camp	33E01	18.5	5,800'	7,600'				
Jerkey Meadow	32E12	9.8	6,000'	6,800'	X	X		
Forks of the Kern	33E20	11.5	4,600'	5,700'				
Lloyd Meadow	32E12	5.1	5,600'	6,000'	X			X
Nelson	31E30	3.7	5,300'	6,800'	X	X		X
Bear Creek	31E31	8	5,000'	9,000'		X	X	X
Wishon	30E14	6	4,000'	5,600'	X	X		X
Needles	32E22	2.5	7,800'	8,200'		X		X
Freeman Creek	32E20	4.3	5,600'	7,100'		X		X
Jordan Peak	31E35	1.5	8,600'	9,115'	X	X		X
Mule Peak	31E43	1.5	7,600'	8,200'	X	X		X

LONG MEADOW: Leaves from Shake Camp in Mtn. Home State Forest. Trail travels northeasterly starting at 6,800' and enters Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks at approximately 9,000'. Trail crosses the Tule River twice, then junctions with the Touhy Gap Trail, then rises steeply on a rocky trail with many switchbacks to Summit Lake. Approximate hiking time to Summit Lake is 6-8 hours. Fishing is available along the trail.

SUMMIT TRAIL (WILDERNESS PORTION): This trailhead is approximately 10 miles north of Quaking Aspen on road 21S50. Trail runs north and south along the Western Divide crossing Mountaineer Creek and Pecks Canyon Creek. It offers scenic views of the Sierra, meadows, alpine terrain, and lakes. Trail ends at Sheep Mountain entrance of the Golden Trout Wilderness. This is an entrance to Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. Approximate hiking time to the lakes is 5-6 hours. Fishing is available in Maggie and Twin Lakes.

SUMMIT SOUTH (NON-WILDERNESS PORTION): Trail travels from the GTW boundary south to Freeze out Mdw on the Hot Springs District. Trail is bisected many times by roads, but does provide the visitor with many beautiful views and interesting things to see including rare plants growing in the Slate Mountain Botanical Area.

CLICKS CREEK: Leaves from trailhead on road 21S50, approx. 7 miles from Quaking Aspen. Trail travels primarily east and west following and crossing Clicks Creek several times. It offers large meadows, heavily forested areas, and open forest land. Parts of this trail are steep. Fishing is available in the Little Kern River.

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LEWIS CAMP: This trailhead is 8 miles north of Quaking Aspen. Travels east to Trout Meadow, then north to Kern Ranger Stations in Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks. Offers scenic views of the Sierra's, crosses the Little Kern River on a suspension bridge, then to Trout Meadow, Willow Meadow, and north to the Big Kern River up to the Little and Big Kern Lakes. Trail continues on to the Kern Ranger Stations Bridge, crossing the Big Kern into the Inyo National Forest at the east end of the trail. Fishing is available in the Little and Big Kern River and the Little Kern Lake.

JERKEY MEADOW: Starts at Pyles Boys Camp then leaves from Lloyd Meadow near the end of road 22S82 at the Jerkey Meadow then down to Fish Creek to Grey Meadows and open forest areas. Trail is 5 miles to Grey Meadow. Fishing and water are scarce on this trail.

FORKS OF THE KERN: Trailhead is on road 20S67 off the Lloyd Meadow road 22S82. The trail drops down to the Kern River crossing the Little Kern River. There is NO BRIDGE crossing the Little Kern and extreme caution should be used. Crossing should not be attempted during spring snow runoff. Trail travels on the west bank of the Kern River for several miles to Kern Flat (a large meadow near the river), then crosses the Big Kern River on a bridge 1.5 miles above Kern Flat. Trail continues on to the Cannell Meadow District of the Sequoia National Forest. Campsites and fishing are available from the Little Kern Crossing to the Big Kern Bridge.

LLOYD MEADOW TRAIL: This trail connects with Lloyd Meadow road 22S82 at the Jerkey Meadow trailhead and a large turnout near the base of the Needles, 5.1 miles south. Trail is generally easy, sloping terrain with a few small stream crossings. Fishing and water are scarce during summer months.

NELSON TRAIL: This trail travels from Quaking Aspen to Camp Nelson. Starting just below Quaking Aspen on Hwy 190 it drops steeply down to the Tule River. It then descends at a more gradual grade passing through the Wheel Meadow and McIntyre giant sequoia groves adjacent to the Tule River. Fishing is available along most of the trail.

BEAR CREEK: Trailhead is on the Coy Flat Road ¼ mile past the last cabin and ½ mile shy of the Coy Flat Campground. It is a steady climb upwards to reach the Belknap Grove of giant sequoias. At about 3.5 miles you reach the top of the grove. At about 8 miles you reach the junction with the Summit Trail.

WISHON TRAIL: This trail travels between Camp Wishon and Mtn. Home State Forest. It leaves from a trailhead just above Wishon Campground. The trail is by road for the first 1 ¼ mile, then turns up and passes above Doyle Springs, then comes down to cross the Tule River. The rest of the trail is next to the river until crossing Silver Creek near Mtn. Home State Forest. Fishing in the Tule River and its tributaries is available along most of the trail.

THE NEEDLES: Trailhead is 2.5 miles from Western Divide Hwy at the end of Needles Road (21S05). The trail follows the northern slope of Needles Ridge and offers spectacular views stretching all the way to Mt. Whitney. There is no water on this trail or at the lookout.

FREEMAN CREEK: This trail connects Quaking Aspen with Lloyd Meadow and drops 1500 feet in elevation between the two locations. Traveling west to east the trail leaves from road 21S99 winding down and crossing Freeman Creek and paralleling it most of the time. Passes through the Freeman Creek Giant Sequoia grove and near the President George Bush tree. Fishing in Freeman Creek at Lloyd Meadow is normally good.

***JORDAN PEAK:** This trail is short but steep and ends at the Jordan Peak Fire Lookout. The trailhead is at the end of road 20S71 which leaves from the North Road 21S50 about halfway between the Clicks Creek and Summit Trailheads.

***MULE PEAK:** This trail is short but steep and ends at the Mule Peak Fire Lookout Tower. The trailhead is off of road 22S03 which leaves from the Western Divide Highway just north of the Trail of 100 Giants.

* The fire lookout may be able to visit with you during summer months, dependent upon current fire activity.

Practice a Leave No Trace! Ethic.

When you leave your campsite,
Take all garbage, large and small.

**PACK IT IN!
PACK IT OUT!**

Thank you for your help in making forest visits enjoyable and safe! Plan ahead by obtaining a National Forest map at one of the following offices:

Western Divide Ranger District
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Springville, CA 93265
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