



## Stratton Creek Trail #010

**Length:** 6.6 miles (10.6 km)

**Use:** Light

**Difficulty**

**Motorcycle:** Most Difficult

**Horseback:** Most Difficult

**Hiking:** Most Difficult

**USGS Maps:** Wild Buck Peak, Bernard Mountain

**Recreation sites nearby:** Bull Creek Trail, Bitter Creek Trail

### Attractions and Considerations

The trail parallels Stratton Creek, steeply ascends a ridge, passes through Stratton Basin, and ends at the Bull Creek Trail intersection. After crossing the Deadwood River, the first two miles of the trail are steep, rocky, and have narrow, sharp switchbacks.

### Trail Beginning

**Elevation:** 5640 ft

The signed trail begins on National Forest Road 579 (NF-579) (Stanley-Landmark road) about 10 miles north of Deadwood Reservoir.

### Trail Ending

**Elevation:** 7280 ft

The trail ends at a blazed and unsigned intersection with the Bull Creek Trail.

### Access 1:

Start about a half-mile east of South Fork Lodge in Lowman on State Highway 21 at the intersection of NF-582 (Clear Creek Road). Travel north on NF-582 for 22 miles to the intersection of NF-563, then head northwest on NF-563 about 7 miles to the intersection with NF-579. Go west, then north on NF-579 about 15 miles to a signed trailhead and a registration box on the west side of the road. Parking is available for 5-10 vehicles across from the trailhead.

### Access 2:

Start about one mile north of Cascade at the signed intersection of State Highway 55 and the Warm Lake road, and head east about 20 miles to the North Shore Lodge turn-off. At this point, the Warm Lake road becomes NF-579. Continue east on NF-579 about 12 miles until NF-579 turns south and becomes the Landmark-Stanley road. Go south on this road (NF-579) about 15 miles to the signed trailhead and a registration box on the west side of the road. Parking is available for 5-10 vehicles across from the trailhead.

