

Marble Mtn. Wilderness Trails Klamath National Forest



WELCOME !

Nearly 1/4 million acres of the Klamath National Forest has been set aside as the Marble Mountain Wilderness. This area contains a variety of lakes, meadows, craggy peaks and many interesting geological formations.

Elevations range from 3,500 to 8,300 feet (Boulder Peak). Forests of mixed conifers predominate at the lower elevations, gradually turning into alpine meadows and bare rock at the higher elevations.

An extensive trail system accesses camping areas, many situated at mountain lakes of outstanding scenic quality.

Please carry out your own trash, limit party size to 25 or less and dispose of waste water in a suitable location away from any water source. Read "Camping Ethics" for more information.

CANYON CREEK TRAIL

The most popular trail in the Wilderness, accesses Marble Valley and the Sky High Lakes from Lovers Camp. About a 7 mile hike of moderate difficulty, this and connecting trails offer dramatic scenery and excellent camping. Hikers can expect to share the trail with horse traffic.

The trail passes across the essence of the Wilderness Area, Marble Mountain itself. A side trip to the Marble Rim is worth the effort.

SHACKLEFORD CREEK TRAIL

Second in popularity only to Canyon Creek, accesses Campbell, Cliff and Summit Lakes, some of the finest the area has to offer. Popular with riders, moderately difficult trips of varying lengths are possible. Campbell Lake, 5 1/2 mi. from the trailhead is the first large lake on the trail.

RED ROCK TRAIL

Forms a possible loop trip with the Canyon Creek Trail. Passes through high mountain meadows of Red Rock Valley. Very scenic trip adds about 2 hours of travel from Sky High. Cattle are often grazing the meadows.

KELSEY TRAIL

Accesses the Paradise Lake Basin. The Kelsey Trail offers 8 miles of beautiful streamside travel before it leaves the District. Moderately difficult, this National Recreation Trail originally continued to Crescent City. Lower portions are open year around.

PARADISE LAKE TRAIL

Popular day hike. Short (2 mi.) rather steep trail accesses beautiful lake basin, Kings Castle and the Pacific Crest Trail. The lake itself is mostly shallow.

DEEP LAKE-WRIGHTS LAKES TRAIL

Trails connect through from Canyon Creek and the less visited Back Meadows area in the Shackelford drainage. Also connects with Boulder Creek Trail. Offers fine lakes and miles of scenic, challenging trail travel. Expect cattle in the area.

CALF LAKE-LONG HIGH LAKES TRAIL

Offers a side trip from Shackelford Trail. Accesses small, but attractive lakes situated high in very rugged terrain. Lightly used, the trail ends just below Calf Lake. Difficult cross country access from there to the ABC Lakes, considered a "discovery" opportunity.

WOOLEY CREEK TRAIL

Beginning above Marble Valley, this trail drops into the Wooley Creek drainage and terminates at its junction with the Salmon River, a distance of about 19 mi.; a magnificent creek through true wilderness country. Excellent specimens of rattlesnakes and poison oak can be found here.

KIDDER & SHELLY TRAILS

Share an access problem; private road system to trailheads is subject to closures. The road to Shelly is essentially a 4-wheel drive route, but the steep trail provides strategic access to the PCT and Shelly Meadows.

Kidder offers a modest lake in an extraordinary setting. Either trail can be hiked in a couple hours. Side trips through Hayes Meadows and the cross country scramble to Maneaten Lake are worth the effort.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

Traverses the entire Wilderness Area north to south. This National Scenic Trail ties most of the above trails together, forming many hiking and riding opportunities. Situated high on the ridges, the trail is subject to lingering snow fields, limited water and camping spots, and late season maintenance.

BOX CAMP

This trail traverses Box Camp Ridge and intersects with the PCT a few miles north of Marble Valley. Offers a scenic alternative to the more heavily traveled Canyon Creek route.

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