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## UTE CREEK TRAIL #1824

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 11 miles

**Elevation:** Starts 7,693 feet and ends 10,705 feet (highest point 10,705 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +3,418 feet – 406 feet = +3,012 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

### Access:

- Ute Creek Trail is located 31 miles east of Meeker.
- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 28 miles.
- Turn south, cross the bridge and turn west (left) on Rio Blanco County Road 12 (Marvine Creek Road) for 1 mile to the Ute Creek Road.
- Follow Ute Creek Road for 1 mile taking the left fork up Ute Creek to the Ute Creek Trailhead.

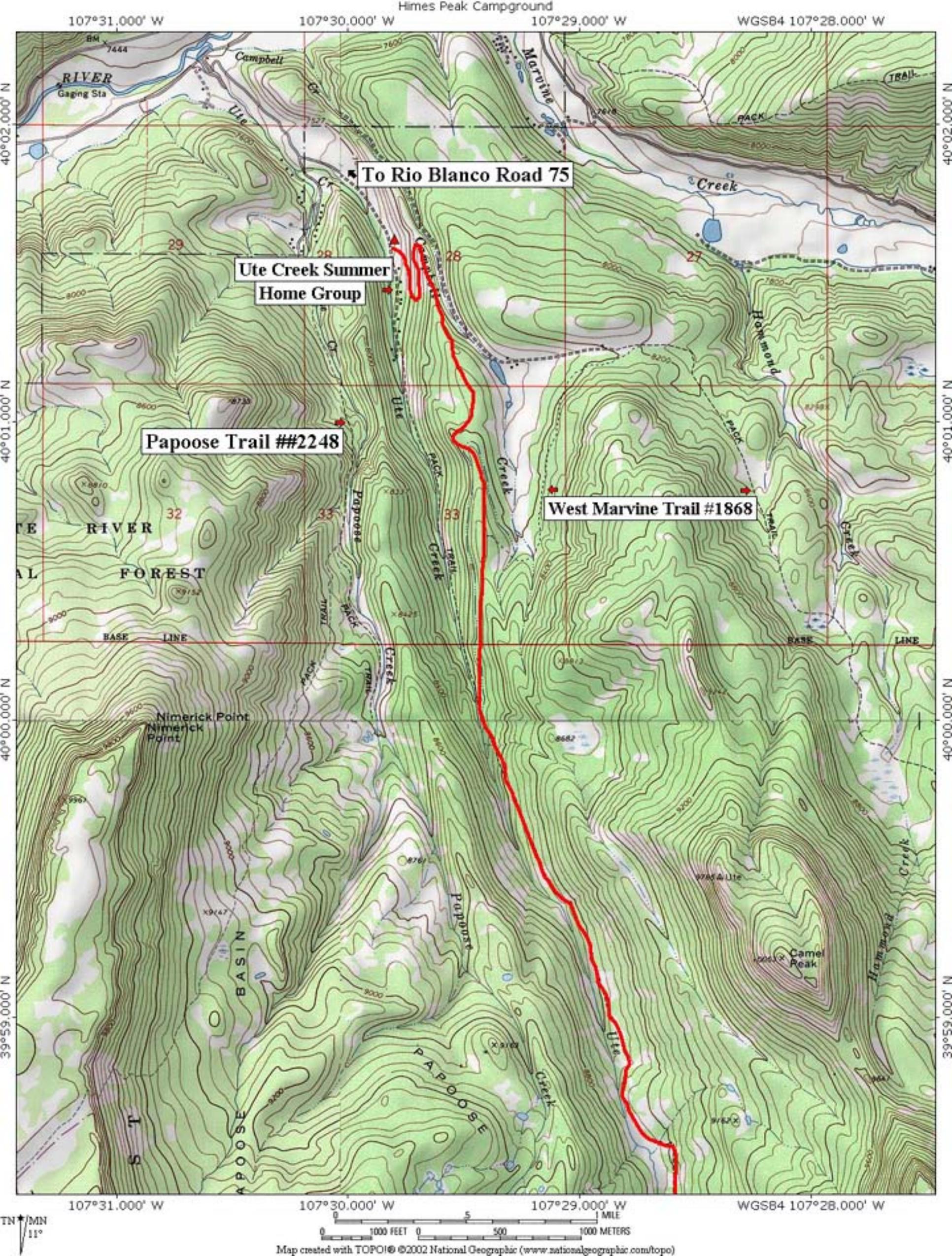
### Trail Highlights:

The Ute Creek trailhead is just outside the Ute Creek summer home group. You climb for about 1/2 mile switchbacking to the top of the ridge between Ute Creek and Campbell Creek. You follow the ridgetop for nearly 2 miles before dropping into the Ute Creek drainage. The trail follows the Ute Creek for 4 miles to the Flat Tops Wilderness boundary; the aspen changes to Englemann spruce and alpine-fir, broken by grassy openings with Ute Creek flowing peacefully through the meadows. The Ute Creek Fire of 1994 burned the trees along several miles of trail. Be extremely careful around standing dead trees. Two miles into the Wilderness you reach the Flat Tops plateau. The trail continues through this same spruce-fir forest for another mile before breaking into open parks for the remaining 2.5 miles to Oyster Lake and the Oyster Lake Trail junction.

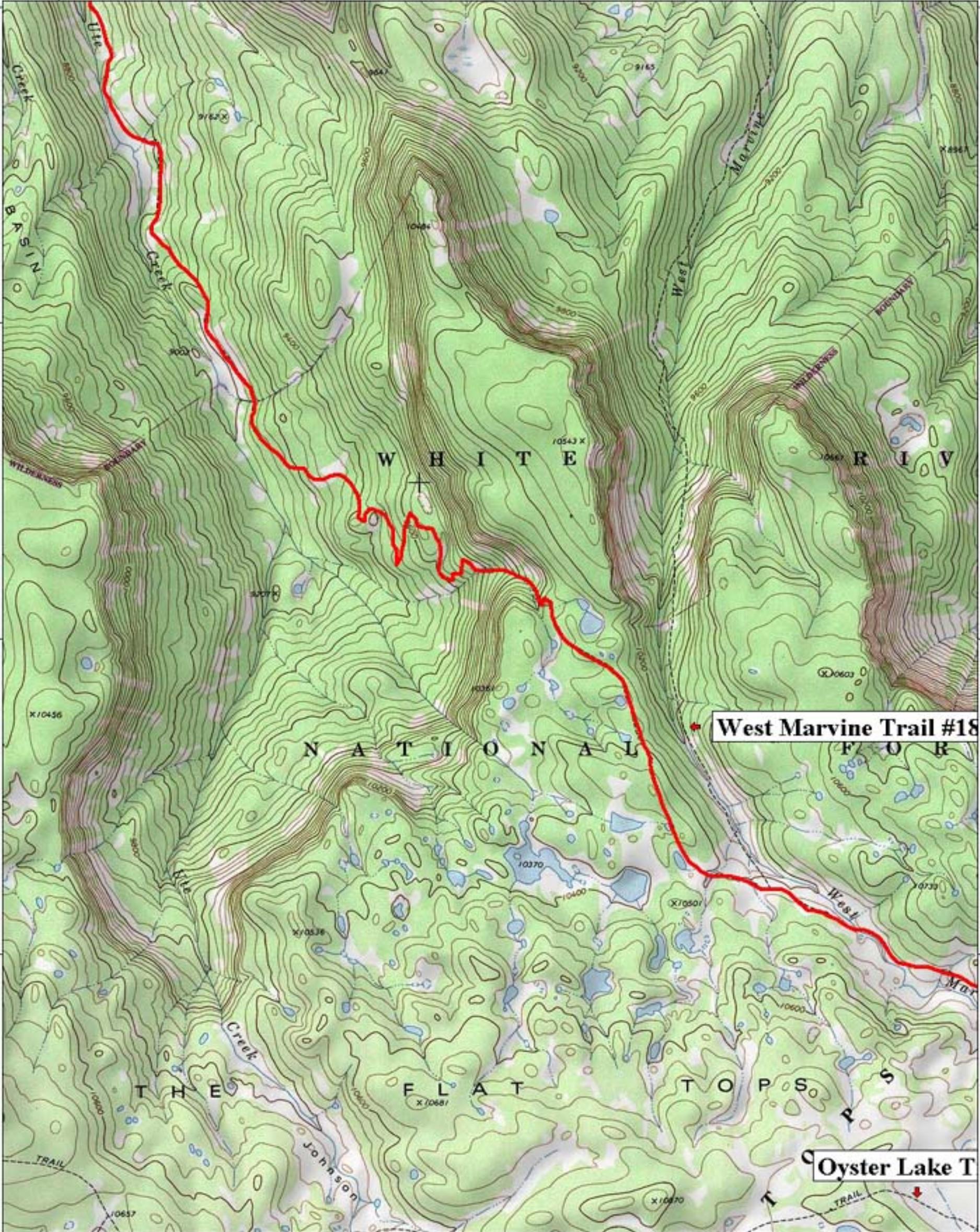
### Important Information:

- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- **DOMESTIC CATTLE MAY BE GRAZING IN THE AREA.**
- **PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

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**West Marvins Trail #1868**

**Oyster Lake Trail #1825**