Bass Lake

Location

The Bass Lake Trail is located 6 miles north of Ely.

- Follow Hwy 169 east of Ely to County Rd 88.
- Take County Rd 88 north to County Rd 116 (Echo Trail).
- Go north on the Echo Trail 2.6 miles to the Bass Lake parking lot, located on the north side of the road.

Many people hike this trail and enjoy it simply for the experience of varying terrain and water tumbling over a small falls. Enjoy this popular trail with family and friends.

Today’s trail winds through layers of stories: geological, biological, and human. One dramatic story is told on the interpretive sign located at the trailhead. The other stories are also exciting and may still be read by observant hikers.

Portions of the trail run along a ridge created by the Vermilion Fault providing scenic overlooks of Bass Lake. The section of trail leading to Dry Falls that climbs the ridge is very rugged and steep. For most people, sturdy shoes and a stop and go pace are needed to climb the 60 feet. When hiking the trail you will walk over Ely Greenstone, an ancient metamorphic rock, granite, and sand from the old lake bottom.

Once on top of the ridge, you will notice the predominance of red, jack and white pine which grow well in rocky areas.
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