

# Mendicant Ridge Trail #884



Starting from the Bald Mtn. Tie-In Trail #882, the trail climbs through open parks and conifer to just north of Bald Mountain. It then descends to Mendicant Ridge where it winds through conifer and an open parks south of the ridge line. After following the trail for about 2 miles there is an area where no maintenance has been done for several years and it becomes almost impossible to follow. The trail can be picked up again in the vicinity of Castle Rock where it then will descend down the North Dyer drainage. At times switchbacks will be encountered as well as short stretches where the trail may be lost. By following the drainage it will be found again. Upon reaching the confluence of North Dyer and West Dyer Creeks the trail again becomes easy to follow through aspen forest and open parks. Eventually it descends into oak brush country and ends near the forest boundary on a 2 track road 3/4 mile northwest of Forest Road

### Trail Ethics:

The Mendicant Trail is maintained for foot, horse and bicycle travel. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



### Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the Mendicant Trail.



### Drinking Water:

**DO NOT** drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.



### Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horse-back riding, hunting, and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Livestock grazing is a form of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.



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**Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.**

**Familiarize yourself with the area.**



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Length 9.8 Miles



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**Trail Beginning:** The junction with Bald Mountain Tie-In Trail #882.

**Trail Ending:** At the end of a 3/4 mile long 2 track road northwest of Forest Road #713.

**Access #1:** From Crawford follow Hwy 92 to the Crystal Creek access then Forest Road #713 to Bald Mountain Reservoir. Follow Trail #882 North 1/2 mile to Trail #884.

**Access #2:** From Crawford follow Hwy 92 to the Crystal Creek access then Forest Road #713 to 200-300 yards past the forest boundary. A 2 track road leaves FSR #713 and goes to a private land gate. The trail starts near the gate and lies just west of the fence that runs N/S.

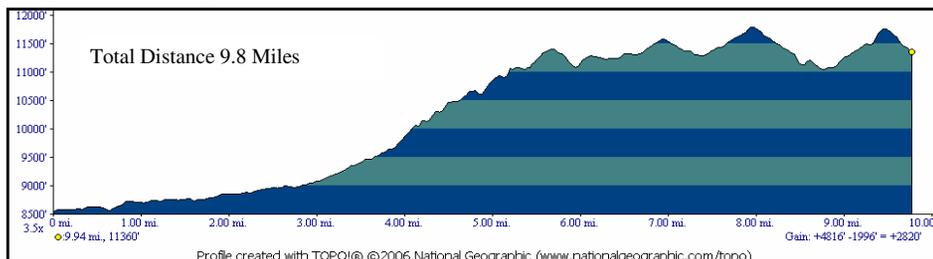
**Use:** Foot, Horse and Bicycle

**Recommended Seasons:**

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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**USGS quad maps:** X Lazy F & Mount Guero

### Elevation Profile:



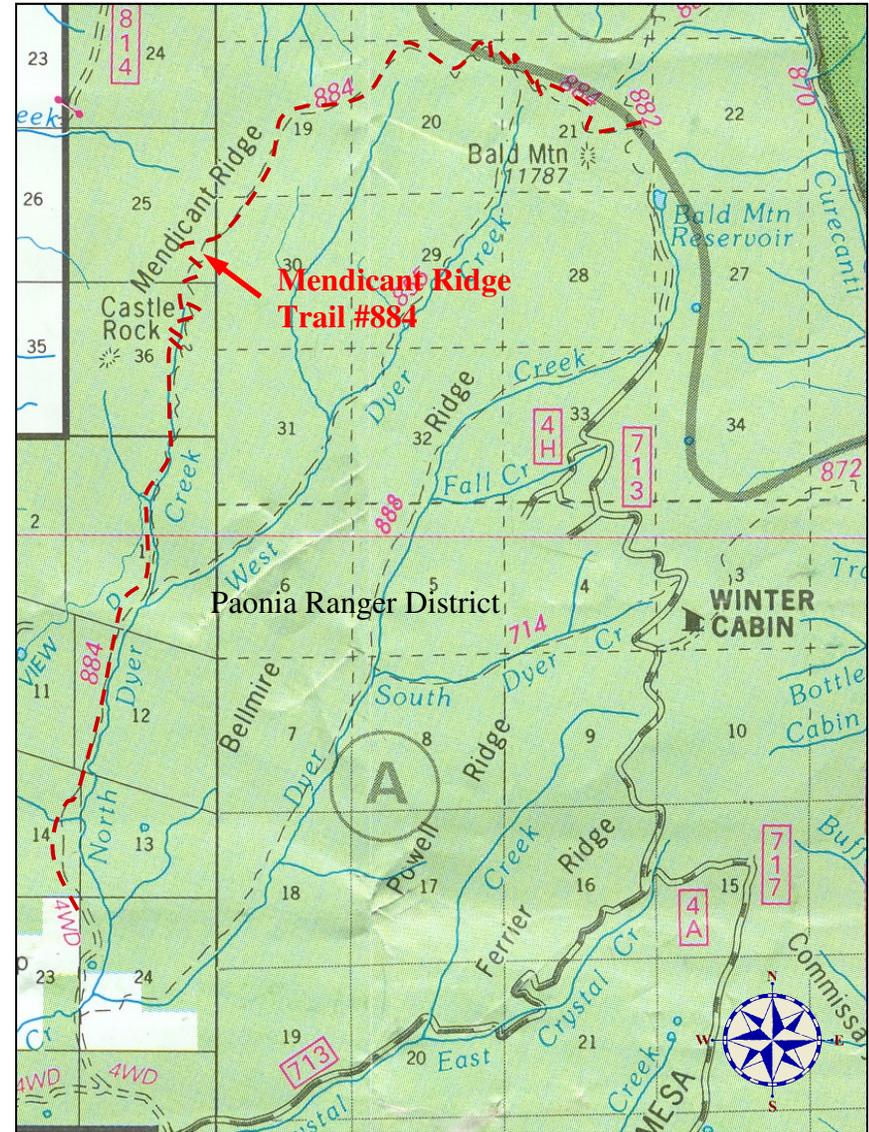
### Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas requires more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you pack it in-Pack it out!



### Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in effect.





**Principles of Leave No Trace:**

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors