

West Dyer Trail #885



*The West Dyer Drainage
in October*

Photo by Dave Bradford Paonia R.D.

The West Dyer Trail follows the West Dyer drainage from Mendicant Ridge to its confluence with North Dyer Creek. The trail can be difficult to follow at times but is never far from West Dyer Creek so if lost it can be found again without much difficulty. At one point in the trail there is a rock outcropping that must be crossed. The outcropping can be dangerous to horse travel, so proceed with caution. This trail has had no maintenance for several years so portions may be blocked by dead-fall.

Don't forget your camera!



Please don't litter!

Trail Ethics:

The West Dyer 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 West Dyer 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, horseback 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 4.5 Miles



*Looking up the West Dyer Drainage from
the West Dyer Trail*

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Trail Beginning:: Mendicant Ridge Trail #884.

Trail Ending:: Mendicant Ridge Trail #884.

Access #1 From Crawford follow Hwy 92 to the Crystal Creek access then Forest Service road #713 to the trailhead. Follow the Mendicant Ridge Trail #884 about 4 miles north from its start near the forest boundary on Forest Road #713.

Use: Foot, Horse and Bicycle

Recommended Seasons:

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

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!

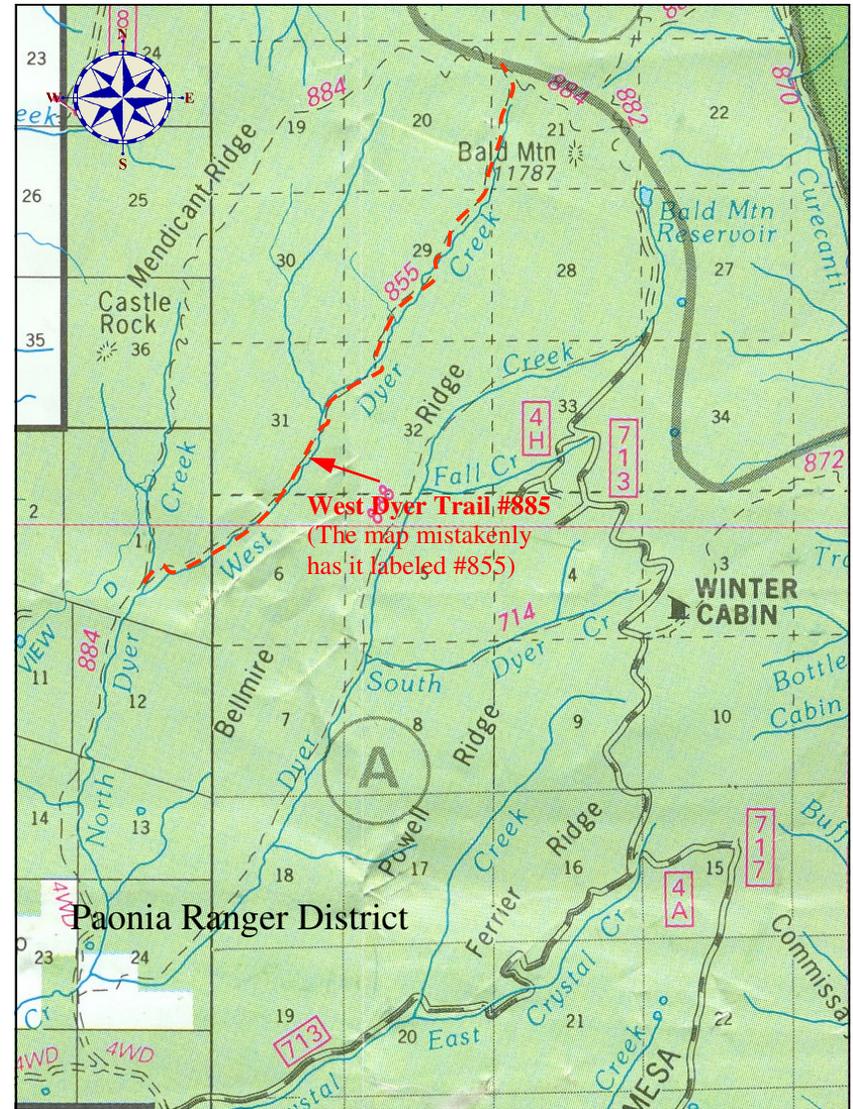
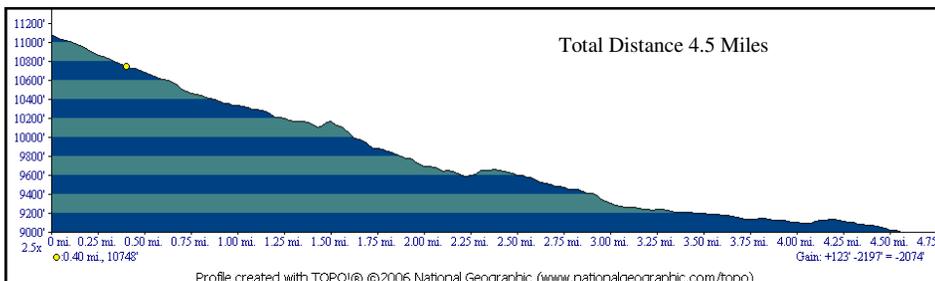


Fire Safety:

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



Elevation Profile:



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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