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Bass Lake Area Trails

Bass Lake Ranger District

WELCOME

There are a number of easily reached trails in the Bass Lake Area offering a variety of experiences and can enhance your visit.

For all trails, bring lots of drinking water and wear appropriate hiking footwear. Most trails have easy to moderate slopes with a few having steep slopes. Plan to take your time and your camera!

Pack out all trash you pack in and stay on designated trails. Cutting across switchbacks causes erosion of soils and trail damage.

WILLOW CREEK TRAIL

One of the most challenging trails is the Willow Creek Trail (22E03) which can be reached either by the North Shore Road next to the Falls Day Use parking area or from the Willow Creek parking area off of Road 274. The trail is 2.7 miles long, ending at the McLeod Flat Road and offers moderate to steep hiking.

The main attractions of this trail are Angel Falls and Devils Slide, two breathtaking water falls. Along with the spectacular waterfalls, Willow Creek presents **dangers in its extremely slippery rocks and swirling pools**. Please be careful and stay on the trail!

GOAT MOUNTAIN /SPRING COVE TRAIL

On the south side of Bass Lake, Goat Mountain fire lookout is accessible via the Spring Cove Trail 22E18) and the Goat Mountain Trail (22E94)The Goat Mountain Trail begins in the Forks Campground and the Spring Cove Trail begins on the east side of the Spring Cove Campground entrance.

(It is about two and a half miles between the campgrounds. Both trails intersect in about an eighth of a mile, with another 2.5 miles to the lookout. Both offer spectacular views of Bass Lake and mountains beyond. Plan plenty of hiking time and take plenty of water as the trail is up hill.

WAY-OF-THE-MONO TRAIL

Visitors curious about the first people to inhabit the area will want to visit the Way-of-the-Mono Interpretive Trail. This self-guided loop trail is about one half mile long, offering a spectacular vista point to view the lake and mountains. Signs along the trail describe who the Mono people were and how they lived. The trailhead is located across from the Little Denver Church Day Use Area and has an ample parking area.

LEWIS CREEK NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

Follow the 3.7 mile Lewis Creek National Recreation Trail (21E06) along an historic lumber flume route. Sugar Pine Lumber Company used a enormous flume (an artificial river in a huge wooden trough) to float lumber over 50 miles to the town of Madera. Beautiful flora and waterfalls please the spirit as you travel this moderate to steep north/south trail as it gains 400 feet in elevation

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