

# Badger Creek Trail #479



## Recreation Opportunity Guide

Distance..... 12.7 miles (one way)  
Elevation..... 2200-5200 feet  
Snow Free ..... May to September



**Trail Highlight:** This trail is one of the most popular trails in the Badger Creek Wilderness. It is usually best to hike during the period of June-September. This trail makes an excellent backpack route as there are more than a dozen campsites along the trail; also you come across many different forest types. From oak thickets to sub alpine fir meadows at Badger Lake. Visitors can try to catch small, but feisty rainbow trout in Badger Creek, as it runs along the entire length of the trail. Hikers may also enjoy large natural rock formations along the lower section of this trail.

**Trail Description:** Trailhead on FS Road 2710 just west of Bonney Crossing campground. Trail is maintained yearly. The badger Creek trail travels from oak and pine woods at Bonney Crossing to the Forest Road 4860 trail head on a high saddle above Badger Lake. The route stays relatively close to Badger Creek, crossing numerous streams along the way.

### Regulations & Leave No Trace Information:

- Group size is limited to 12. Stock are counted in the group size. For example, 3 people riding their own horse plus a spare horse in the group for packing would make a group of 7.

#### Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare: Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces: Use established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of Waste Properly: Pack out all trash, leftover food and litter.
- Leave What You Find: Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Minimize Campfire Impacts: Use established fire rings & keep fires small.
- Respect Wildlife: Control pets at all times.
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors: Avoid loud voices and noises.

For information on **Leave No Trace**, go to [www.LNT.org](http://www.LNT.org) or call 1-800-332-4100

**For current trail conditions and more recreation information go to:**

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/mthood>

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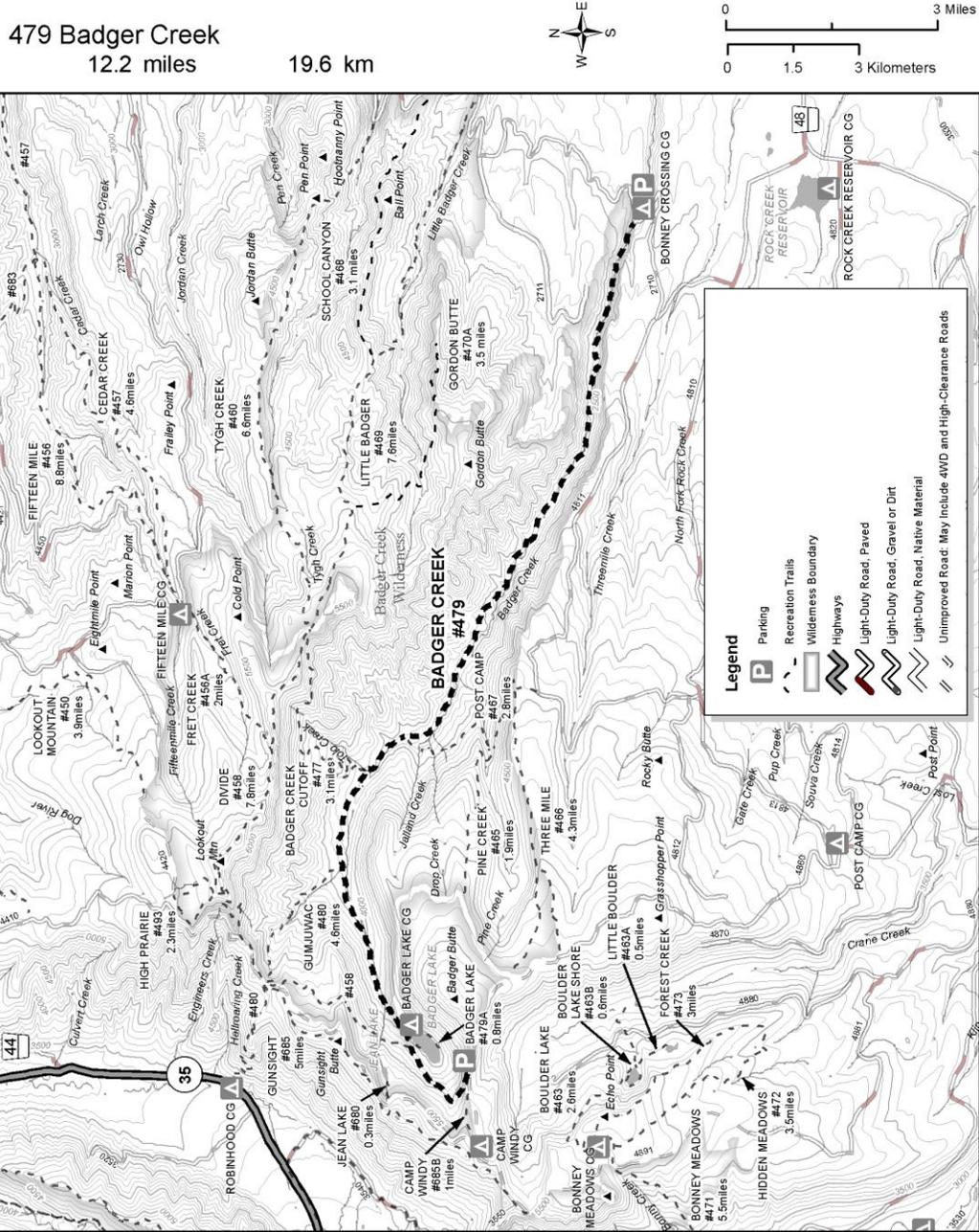
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**Directions to Trailhead:** Hwy. 26 east to Hwy. 35 north to the junction of Forest Road 48 (White River east of snow park). Proceed east on the 48 road to the Forest Road 4810 (just north of Rock Creek Reservoir). Turn left on 4810 continue for 2 miles. At the junction with Forest Road 4811 turn right for approximately two miles, turning right on the Forest Road 2710 heading to Bonney Crossing Campground. Trailhead is on the left after crossing Badger Creek.



**Recommended maps:** Barlow Ranger District

