

Directions to the Trail

- From Interstate 5
 - Head west on Highway 29 approximately 53 miles just beyond Lucerne.
 - The trailhead is on your right next to Tulip Hill Winery, Bartlett Springs Road.
- From Bay Area
 - Head East on Interstate 80 to North Highway 29.
 - Go North on Highway 29 for approximately 71 Miles.
 - Continue North on Highway 33 for approximately 7.2 Miles.
 - Turn left, West, on Highway 20 for 16 Miles.
 - Turn right on Bartlett Springs Road next to Tulip Hill Winery.

Trail Difficulty

Easy - Bartlett Springs Road is a great family trail and is suitable for most vehicles. Most of the year four wheel drive is not required, although snow and wet weather may change road conditions greatly. White Bartlett Springs Road is entirely graded there are several side roads and trails that offer a verity of difficulty.

Trail Description

Bartlett Springs is a great trail for the entire family. Plan on spending a whole day, or even a weekend, enjoying this area. The trail boast some spectacular views and rich history.

As the main route between the once booming Resort town of Bartlett Springs and Clear Lake, thousands of visitors would make the journey through what is now Mendocino National Forest. At the town peaked in the late 1800's the town of Bartlett Springs consisted of 3 hotels, 330 cabins, a water bottling plant and other businesses that could accommodate 1,000 guests. A wild fire in 1934 swept through the town and destroyed most of the resort, leaving the community to fade away.

Bartlett Springs Road begins a few miles outside of Lucerne. What is known as the Burns Yard, previously walnut orchards, is now home to two new wineries, as of 2004. White Bartlett Springs Road is a graded dirt road it may become much more challenging with a snow pack present, as the road is not cleared.

Trailhead = 0.0 Miles

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Tulip Hill Winery is located next to Bartlett Springs Road and resides in a warehouse once used to bottle Bartlett Springs mineral water. The water was loaded by truck in Bartlett Springs and trucked down the mountain to the bottling warehouse. With similar soil characteristics to Napa Valley many wineries have found their way to Lake County.

Mendocino National Forest = 2.1 Miles

Mendocino National Forest is California's only national forest not crossed by a paved road. This fact makes this area very attractive for those seeking a great outdoor experience miles from all. Bartlett Springs Road enters the forest in it's southeastern edge and travels through it's southern tip, offering Hundreds of miles of trails, hunting, fishing, camping and breathtaking views will make this a place to remember.

Deer Valley Road Junction = 3.9 Miles

Turn left here onto Deer Valley Road to Pinnacle Rock or continue straight on Bartlett Springs Road to Indian Valley Reservoir and Bartlett Springs Resort.

With elevations topping 8000 feet it is not uncommon to experience ice and snow. While not always visible at lake level Bartlett Mountain and surrounding mountains may contain several feet of snow. At times the road may be impossible to do to snow fall. Plan you trip accordingly.

Road 16N01 Junction = 1.4 Miles

From Deer Valley Road turn right onto service road 16N01, as marked on the trail. This road is the least maintained of the trip. There are some small ruts and while four wheel drive is not usually required it may be necessary during the wet months.

Pinnacle Rock = 0.4 Miles

Pinnacle Rock acted as a fire station lookout through the 1940's. The rock steps circling to the top of pinnacle rock and an anchor within the rocks peak are the only evidence left behind.

From this vantage point one can survey most of the southern tip of Mendocino National Forest. On a clear day the Sutter Buttes can be seen to the east, over 30 miles away!

N. Fork Bartlett Creek = 7.5 Miles from Deer Valley Road waypoint

The crossing at North Fork Bartlett Creek has the option of fording the creek or crossing a small bridge. While the creek depth is shallow here it may require four wheel drive and the depth greatly increases in the winter and spring. Use caution and always scout unknown water crossings.

Bartlett Springs Resort = 0.9 Miles

During the late 1800's natural springs became a very popular tourist destination and Bartlett Springs was no exception. Construction began in 1870 and during its prime Bartlett Springs Resort was known as a first class resort with five hotels, 330 cabins, a large garage for entertainers, mineral spring pools and other buildings serving its one thousand guest capacity. In 1934 a wildfire destroyed the resort and the idea of rebuilding was abandoned. Today only a few structures remain including some cabins, the garages and pool foundations.

Indian Valley Reservoir = 11.0 Miles

Indian Valley Reservoir is known for its great Kokanee Salmon and Rainbow Trout fishing. While the long dirt road and moosebush restrictions, under 10MPH, keep the crowds to a minimum. There is primitive camping around the lake as well as great ATV, dirt bike and more challenging x4 trails.

A marina and store is located near the dam at the south, opposite, end of the lake. Although the lake is usually full during the winter and spring months it can become very low during the summer. Walker Ridge Road can be used for easier access to the lake from highway 20.

Trailhead 39° 06' 47.4" N 122° 49' 08.7" W

Mendo. National Forest 39° 07' 00.3" N 122° 47' 57.1" W

Deer Valley Road 39° 08' 03.7" N 122° 46' 36.7" W

Service Road 16N01 39° 09' 03.4" N 122° 46' 17.9" W

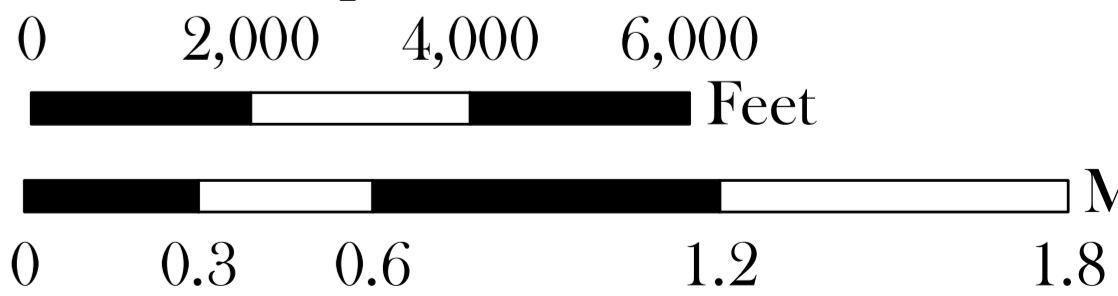
Pinnacle Rock 39° 08' 51.9" N 122° 45' 54.4" W

N. Fork Bartlett Creek 39° 10' 54.9" N 122° 43' 07.5" W

Bartlett Springs Resort 39° 11' 01.0" N 122° 42' 15.0" W

Indian Valley Reservoir 39° 09' 11.4" N 122° 32' 54.5" W

Main Map



Bartlett Springs