

HIKES

Pine Creek Lake

This isn't a hike for couch potatoes. It will take you into some gorgeous mountain scenery with a pristine alpine lake at the end. To get there, travel south of Livingston on Hwy. 89 to East River Road. Cross the Yellowstone and travel another nine miles. Turn left and follow the signs to the Pine Creek campground. The trailhead starts here and takes you immediately to a spectacular waterfall. From here it begins a steep ascent climbing 3,000 feet in 4 miles.

Blue Lake

This 5 mile hike can be a bit rugged, particularly the second half that takes a pretty steep ascent. The trails switch back frequently though and are not that strenuous. The trail starts into Big Timber Canyon as a jeep trail and gradually narrows to a hiking trail. Along the way you will pass Big Timber Falls, a beautiful cascading falls on Big Timber Creek. The source of this stream is your destination. About 2 miles along the trail, you will come to a clearly marked trailhead for Blue Lake. The trail immediately crosses the creek and begins switching back and forth up the mountain. The lake itself is a beautiful post card scene of an alpine lake. There are several excellent camp sites around the lake and a trail completely circles it. There is excellent fishing here. If you walk to the far side of the lake to the roaring sound you will see where the lake spills down the mountain side and the beginnings of Big Timber Creek.

East Fork Boulder River Trail 27

From Big Timber head south on McLeod Street (the main street) through the residential area of town until it takes a sharp right and turns into Hwy. 298. Follow this for 19 miles past McLeod to the East Boulder Road turnoff on your left (east). Follow this road for 6 miles on a bumpy gravel road past the Ricks Park Campground and Upsidedown Creek Trailhead to the Box Canyon Trailhead. The trailhead is well signed. This trail used to be an old wagon road. It is a 3.5 mile hike to a log bridge that is an excellent picnic area.

West Boulder Trail 41

This easy trail goes 16 miles to Mill Creek Pass if you go the whole way. The trail pretty much follows the river into the wilderness area. The lower part of the trail passes through some private property and you may share some of it with cattle grazing the area. From Big Timber head south on McLeod Street (the main street) through the residential area of town until it takes a sharp right and turns into Hwy. 298. Follow the highway for 16 miles to Hwy. 35 on your right (west). Drive 6.5 miles to a major fork in the road. Go left and follow this road for 8 miles till you see the sign marking the turn to the campground. To reach the trailhead, go straight past the campground for a few hundred feet. You will see the sign marking the trailhead.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

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Bannock Trail—Cooke City to Silver Gate

4.8 km

Easiest trail is on groomed snowmobile trail.

Republic Creek—Cooke City

3 km More Difficult; 1 km Most Difficult; no grooming
Trail enters Wyoming and the North Absaroka Wilderness.

Woody Creek—Cooke City

2 km More Difficult; 1 km Most Difficult; no grooming
Steep climb through timber near Cooke City; trail breaks into open timber and meadows.

Bear Creek Trail System—Jardine

7 km Easiest, 7.5 km more difficult; intermittently groomed
Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road. Climbs through timber along old logging road to a meadow on the ridge.

Tom Miner—Tom Miner Basin, 26 mi. W Gardiner

6.4 km Easiest; no grooming
Road plowed by County; stay on road—do not trespass on private land.

Sheep Creek—Cooke City

4 km Easiest; no grooming
Follow Miller Loop snowmobile trail for first mile.

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Suce Creek—8 mi. SE Livingston

2.0 miles Moderate; no grooming. Trail crosses private property, please stay on trail.
Suce Creek Forest Service road #201 is plowed to a private driveway in Section 20, T3S, R10E. Do Not block driveway. Parking capacity 3 cars. Please respect private property.

Trail Creek-15 mi. SW Livingston

1.9 miles Moderate; no grooming. Trailhead and trail crosses private lands, please stay on trail.
Trail begins at the Trail Creek Trailhead on Park County's Newman Creek Rd; parking capacity 10 cars; shared with snowmobiles. Depending upon snow and road conditions Park County's Newman Creek Rd may be impassable to wheeled vehicles. Parking then would be at the junction of Park County's Trail Creek and Newman Creek Roads; parking capacity 8 cars. This will add 1.2 mi. to the trail length. Please respect private property.

INFORMATION PLEASE

All Montana area codes are 406

Road Information

Montana Road Condition Report
(800) 226-7623, (800) 335-7592 local 444-7696
Montana Highway Patrol 444-7696

Local Road Reports

Bozeman 586-1313
Statewide Weather Reports 453-2081

Tourism Information

Travel Montana (800) 847-4868 outside Montana
444-2654 in Montana
<http://travel.mt.gov/>
Yellowstone Country(800) 736-5276 or 646-4383
Northern Rodeo Association 252-1122

Chambers of Commerce

Big Timber 932-5131
Cooke City 838-2495
Gardiner 848-7971
Livingston 222-0850

Airports

Big Timber 932-4389
Gardiner 848-7794
Livingston 222-0520
Red Lodge 446-2537
Wilsall 222-0520

Government Offices

State BLM Office 255-2885, 238-1540
Bureau of Land Management
Billings Field Office 896-5013
Custer National Forest, Beartooth Ranger District 446-2103
Gallatin National Forest, 522-2520
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks 994-4042
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation 247-7295

Hospitals

Sweet Grass Community Hospital
Big Timber 932-5449
Stillwater Community Hospital
Columbus 322-5316
Livingston Memorial Hospital
Livingston 222-3541

Golf Courses

Overland Golf Course 932-4297
Livingston Golf Club 222-1031

Bed & Breakfasts

Blue Winged Olive • Livingston 222-8646
Dome Mountain Ranch • Emigrant 333-4361
North Yellowstone B & B • Gardiner 848-7651
Pleasant Pheasant B & B • Livingston 333-4659
Yellowstone Basin Inn • Gardiner 848-7080
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Headwaters B & B • Gardiner 848-7073
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Johnstad's B & B & Log Guest House
Emigrant 333-9003
Log Cabin Cafe And B & B • Silver Gate 838-2367
Medicine Bow Ranch • Big Timber 932-4463
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Livingston 333-9099
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Querencia B & B • Emigrant 333-4500
Remember When B & B • Livingston 222-8367
Teneagles Lodge • Clyde Park 686-4285
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The Grand • Big Timber 932-4459
The River Inn • Livingston 222-2429
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Yellowstone Country B & B • Emigrant 333-4917
Yellowstone Riverview Lodge B & B
Emigrant 848-2156
Yellowstone Suites B & B • Gardiner 848-7937

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Dome Mountain Ranch • Emigrant 333-4361
Chico Hot Springs • Pray 333-4933
B Bar Guest Ranch • Emigrant 848-7523
Hawley Mountain Guest Ranch
McLeod 932-5791
High Country Motel • Cooke City 838-2272
High Country Outfitters Fly Fishing Lodge
Pray 333-4763
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Logans Guest Ranch • Clyde Park 686-4684
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Livingston 222-3025
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