

Jackass Lake Trail

Trailhead: Jackass Trailhead well marked on Byway road near Bowler Group Campground. A longer but easier hike can be taken from the Norris Trailhead

Distance/difficulty About 5 miles round trip. Difficult first 1/2 mile due to steepness of the trail. Moderate thereafter.

Information Spectacular views of the Minarets to Kings Canyon and Jackass meadow. Ends at a beautiful alpine lake.

Chiquito Lake Trail

Trailhead Turn left at Globe Rock. Follow the road to Chiquito Lake Trailhead

Distance/difficulty 5 miles round trip. Moderate.

Information. Follows Chiquito Creek to a beautiful lake. Travel past the lake to Chiquito Pass.

Fresno Dome Trail

Trailhead Turn on FS 6S10X towards Fresno Dome Campground. Go past the campground about a mile to the marked Trailhead. Good idea to have a USFS map.

Distance/difficulty About 2 1/2 miles round trip. Easy to base of dome and then moderate climb to the top of the dome.

Information An excellent, doable climb to the top of Fresno Dome, with rewarding views of lower Sierra and San Joaquin Valley.

Hells Half Acre Trail

Trailhead Off Scenic Byway between Mammoth Pool Turn off and Clover Meadow turn off

Distance/ difficulty 4.1 miles out and back. Strenuous hike into San Joaquin River canyon.

Information Hikers will go through changing biomes, being rewarded with spectacular views ending at the San Joaquin River.

Bass Lake Trails

Way-of-the Mono Native American Self-guided Interpretive Trail

Trailhead Upper end of Bass Lake on Road 222. Well marked

Distance/difficulty One mile loop. Easy to moderate.

Information Follow the trail and learn how the local Native Americans lived. Nice view of the lake.

Spring Cove/Goat Mountain Trail

Trailhead Spring Cove Campground on Bass Lake

Distance/difficulty 6 miles round trip on a trail and road. Moderate to difficult climb.

Information Hike above Bass Lake to the Goat Mountain Lookout for spectacular views.

Willow Creek/Angel Falls Trail

Trailhead Between Pines Village and end of Bass Lake on north side of Willow Creek.

Distance/Difficulty 4.5 miles round trip. Moderate.

Information Trail follow the creek past Angel Falls to Devils Slide. Beautiful roaring creek. CAUTION: Be careful of slick, wet rocks. Many fatalities and injuries have occurred along this part of the creek.

US Forest Service Trail

Trailhead USFS Office in North Fork

Distance/difficulty 1 mile round trip. Can be extended to Manzanita Lake along the flume. As USFS personnel for more information. Easy.

Information Follow an easy trail down to Willow Creek.



Sierra Vista Scenic Byway (And Vicinity) Day Hike Trails

Note: For all trails check weather and take plenty of water and snacks.

All mileages are approximate. A USFS or similar map will be helpful.



Old Mill Site/Willow Creek Trail

Trailhead: Fire station at Old Mill Site in North Fork

Distance/difficulty: 1 mile loop. Easy

Information: Hike around perimeter of the lumber mill site that was closed in the early 1990's.

French Trail / Ross Cabin

Trailhead Across from Ross Cabin stop on Scenic Byway

Distance/difficulty. Varies. Moderate Hike

Information Hike through the forest on a section of the historic French Trail that ran between Ross Cabin to the mines across the Sierra crest in Mammoth.

Rock Creek Trail

Trailhead: Rock Creek Campground. The campground itself may be closed to camping. Follow road through campground,

Distance/difficulty: 4+ miles round trip along Rock Creek. Easy. Follows a road.

McCloud Flat Trail

Trailhead About 3 miles above Bass Lake on Beasore Road.

Distance/Difficulty 2-3 miles round trip. Moderate to difficult down to Willow Creek. POSSIBLE SLIPPERY PART OF TRAIL AND AT THE CREEK! Exercise caution.

Information Take the trail down to the creek and enjoy a swim. But, again, BE CAREFUL.

China Bar via French Trail

Trailhead Wagners Store at Mammoth Pool

Distance/difficulty 8 miles round trip. Can be hot in the summer. Moderate.

Information Hike to the upper end of Mammoth Pool to China Bar campground on the lake.

South Fork Trial

Trailhead On Scenic Byway past Hells Half Acre Trail

Distance/Difficulty miles down and back. Strenuous uphill sections coming out of canyon

Information Hikers will go through changing zones, being rewarded with spectacular views of the canyon and Balloon Dome ending at the San Joaquin River.

Nelder Grove Trails

Trailhead Follow FS 6S10X to Nelder Grove signs. Also accessible from Highway 41. Go to the campground for three trailheads. A small interpretive center has information.

Distance/difficulty One to six miles depending on trail chosen. Easy to moderate.

Information An incredible walk through giant sequoias. Avoid the bustle of the Mariposa Grove in Yosemite. Unfortunately some of the trails are closed due to fire damage.

Lewis Creek Trail

Trailhead About 4 miles towards Yosemite from the intersection of Hwy 41 and Road 222. Marked turnout on right.

Distance/Difficulty Up to 7 miles round trip. Moderate to moderately strenuous.

Information Trail leads by swimming holes, Corlieu waterfall, warm springs, and some historical sites (difficult to find). Be careful of slippery, wet rocks.

