

Stevens Trail

Monday, April 20, 2026

DIFFICULTY: Strenuous

ELEVATION GAIN: 1500 elevation gain

HIKE DISTANCE: 8 miles round trip

PACE: Moderate/Fast

GENERAL LOCATION: Colfax – off I-80 east of Auburn

DESCRIPTION: The Stevens Trail, named a National Historic Trail in 2002, is one of the greatest hikes in our area. It is 8 miles with over 1500 feet net elevation gain with the downward portion of the hike at the beginning. While the descent and ascent is mostly gradual there are some steep sections with a number of high step-ups or step-downs. Part of the trail (maybe 3 miles) is cut into the steep side of the river canyon and there is a precipitous drop-off on one side--so this hike is not good for a person with vertigo problems. Most of the trail is single track with superb views of the North Fork of the American River. We will eat our bag lunch at the river's edge.

We hope to see many wildflowers on the trail this time of year.

TRAVEL TIME/DISTANCE: Travel time about 45 minutes (32 miles).

Suggested reimbursement to driver \$8. Expected return to Lincoln Hills about 3:30 PM.

HIKE LEADER/SWEEP: Darlynnne Giorgi/Debbie Knowles

SPECIAL NOTES:

FACILITIES AVAILABLE: Pit facility at trail head.

PREPARATION FOR HIKE: Refer to Standard Hiking Equipment Guidelines in "Hike information and Guidelines" on the website. Trekking poles are strongly recommended

RISKS: Some poison oak has been noted as well as some flies. Bring insect repellent with high content of DEET

QUESTIONS: Call Darlynnne at 916-768-0284

Rain on hike day or day before will cancel hike due to steep narrow trail

MEETING TIME: 7:45 AM. We leave at 8:00 AM

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Google Maps: Navigate to Stevens Trailhead in Colfax

OR

From I-80, take Colfax/Grass Valley exit. Drive a short distance to a stop sign at North Canyon Way (frontage road).

Turn left at stop sign and drive east .7 mile to trailhead parking area.

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