

Carpenter Valley Trail – Truckee Donner Land Trust

Hamburger BBQ at Huntingdale's Cabin, Truckee (requires RSVP)

Thursday, July 25, 2024

DIFFICULTY: Easy/moderate. Trail head at 6500', so this is high sierra altitude hiking.

ELEVATIONS GAIN: 200 feet, minimal rise and fall, generally flat throughout.

HIKE DISTANCE: 5.5 mile loop. About 3 hour hike.

GENERAL LOCATION: Hike is part of the Tahoe Donner Trail System, accessed from highway 89 north of I-80.

DESCRIPTION: Trail begins at the lower valley and progresses thru timber forest and in the open valley along the North Fork of Prosser Creek. The expansive valley is between mountains, covered with Ponderosa, Jeffery pines, and White Firs. The valley will have lots of flowers, grass lands, and willows. The creek views are spectacular with water flowing down toward Prosser Lake several miles downstream. The valley trail has many wood walkways (bridges) that allow for bypassing over the wetlands.

Following the hike we will travel to the Huntingdale cabin a short distance to have a BBQ.

TRAVEL TIME/DISTANCE: One Hour 40 minutes each way. One way distance is about 90 miles. It is a \$12 driver donation. Detailed driving directions will be handed out to all drivers. If no carpooling, contact Phil or Stephanie for driving directions. Please note: Look at driving instructions, as about 3 miles is dirt road. After the hike everyone is invited to stop at the Huntingdale cabin in Truckee for a hamburger BBQ and relaxation after the hike. Yard has plenty of room for socializing. Bring chairs, if you have them. Travel distance from hike trail head to cabin about 6 miles, 10 min. For planning purposes, please **RSVP for the BBQ**. If you don't plan on stopping at the cabin, you will have to make sure you ride with a driver that is coming straight back to Lincoln.

SPECIAL NOTES:

FACILITIES AVAILABLE: Summer: there is a porta-toilet at the start of the hike. We will stop at Donner Summit Rest Stop before reaching the trailhead. Restrooms are available at the cabin after the hike.

PREPARATIONS FOR HIKE:

1. Bring a copy of your ID (driver's license), Health Card, and an emergency contact name and phone number with you when you hike.
 2. If you have any health issues, please consider your condition before hiking.
 3. Always bring 2 pairs of shoes, along with a plastic bag to store your muddy/dusty hiking boots after the hike. DO NOT get your driver's car dirty by wearing your dirty boots on the drive home.
 4. Bring hiking boots, trekking poles if desired, sunscreen, insect repellent, water, snack or lunch.
- RISKS:** Bring insect (mosquito repellent), there will be some along the way. The trail is in a

mixture of sun and shade. With warm weather at home, it will be cooler along the hike and could be windy. Bring **layered clothing**.

SNACK BREAK: Near the midpoint of the hike, we will stop for a snack break.

WEATHER: Temperature should be in the 70's to mid-80's during the hike.

HIKE LEADER / SWEEP: Leader: Phil Huntingdale / Sweep: TBD.

RETURN TIME: If joining the BBQ in Truckee, approximately 4:30 pm at OC Lodge.

QUESTIONS: Call Phil or Stephanie Huntingdale

Predicted rain or thunderstorms cancels the hike. Check website the morning of the hike for any updates.

MEETING TIME: 7:15 AM. We Leave at 7:30 AM.

Driving Directions to Carpenter Valley Trailhead

1. Get on Interstate 80 heading east as you prefer. Continue over Donner Summit and down hill toward Truckee. Use rest stop at Donner Summit for restroom break.
2. Exit (east side of Truckee) 188B from I-80, highway CA-89 North, Loyalton
3. Left on CA-89 - travel north about 2 miles. Continue thru several traffic circles, and continue on CA -89. CA-89 is the main exit road on each circle.
4. Left on Alder Creek Rd. (Will be at bottom of down slope) Follow up about 3 miles.
5. Right on Carpenter Valley Rd (will be the first turn to right - identified as 780-12 on brown Forest Service sign) follow thru pipe gate onto dirt road for about 2.6 miles. Along the way take the main traveled road. There are a couple split or off shoots from the road. This is very rough and dusty, spread out and take your time. Avoid the dips in the road. Follow sign into parking area at the gate at end of road.

Driving Directions From Carpenter Valley Trailhead to Cabin

1. Back track on dirt road to paved road.
2. Left on East Alder Creek Rd.. Continue for about 3.2 miles. (Continue across 89 north). Be careful at crossing.
3. Right on Rainbow Dr.. Continue for about 0.1 miles
4. Right on Greenwood Dr.. Continue for about 0.3 miles.
5. Cabin is at 12324 Greenwood Dr. on right. (Gray cabin with garage)

Driving Directions From Cabin to I-80

1. Continue up Greenwood Dr..
2. Right at next two T's..
4. Left at T onto CA-89. Be careful at crossing