

Little Bald Mountain and Western States Trail

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

GENERAL LOCATION: East of Foresthill

DIFFICULTY (Rating): Moderate

HIKE DISTANCE: 5.5 miles (loop with two out/back legs)

ELEVATION: Start 6722' / Max 7184' / approx 945' total gain

PACE: Moderate

TRAIL CONDITIONS: Single track dirt trails, also stretches with significant rock to walk through. Areas with several downed trees to navigate around or over. Poles recommended as well as long pants for overgrown areas.

Description: Beautiful trek through a remote area with forest paths, amazing vistas, green meadows. The highlight is a Forest Service lookout where we can see for miles and may be invited in by the ranger to see how fire spotting is done. Gorgeous views for miles at the lunch spot.

Facilities: Pit toilets at trailhead

Drive Time/Miles: 60 miles. 1:30 drive time. The last stretch of driving is on a narrow one lane road. Amazing vistas. Easy parking at campground.

Donation: Suggested donation to drivers: \$12

Hike Leader/Sweep: Tanya Blansett / Gay Macintosh

Meetup/Leave Time: Meet 7:30 / Leave 7:45 am

Meet at far right end of Orchard Creek Parking Lot, rows 12-14

Preparation for Hike:

- Being prepared physically as well as having the right equipment makes for a better experience, not only for you, but for your fellow hikers.
- **If you have any health issues, please consider your condition before hiking at high altitude or at a fast pace.**

What to Bring:

- **PLENTY OF WATER!** Recommend 50 oz. /1.5 liters minimum for 5-mile hike – more if longer. Electrolytes suggested. Higher altitudes are dehydrating even when cool.
- Hiking boots/shoes, hat, sun protection, insect repellant, small first aid kit. Wind/rain jacket always advisable in the mountains. Trekking poles recommended.
- ID (driver's license), health insurance card, and emergency contact / phone number.
- Extra pair of shoes to change into after hike and a plastic bag for muddy/dusty hiking boots to keep your driver's car clean.

Hike Route (Optional): [ALLTRAILS MAP](#)

Driving Directions: Navigate to Robinson Flat Campground on Google Maps or Navigate to Robinson Flat Rd, Foresthill, CA, on Apple Maps

I-80 East past Auburn to Foresthill Road Exit. Continue on Foresthill Road for 44 miles until it ends at Robinson Flat Campground.

Follow signs to Day Use area and park on left across from the toilets.