

# LITTLE BALD MOUNTAIN LOOP

Thursday, September 18, 2025

**GENERAL LOCATION:** Robinson Flat Campground at far eastern end of Foresthill Road

**DIFFICULTY (Rating):** Moderate

**HIKE DISTANCE:** 5-mile loop (with possible extension to 6.5 miles on Western States Trail if group desires)

**ELEVATION:** Start 6,700'/highest 7,200'/total gain appx 900' (extension +250')

**PACE:** Moderate but will take our time at the lookout and views.

**TRAIL CONDITIONS:** Not prehiked this year but Forest Service reports good conditions. Soft single track through forest opening to grand ridgeline views. Rocky descent and ascent last half of trail; trekking poles recommended.

**DESCRIPTION:** Loop to Forest Service lookout (ranger may invite us inside to view equipment and maps) and rocky outcrops on Little Bald Mountain boast amazing 360-degree views of distant mountain ranges and deep valleys. If weather is clear, view south to Tinker Knob, east to snowy peaks toward Lake Tahoe, north to Castle Peak, SW to Mount Diablo. A huge pay-off for a fairly short hike!

**FACILITIES:** Pit toilets at trailhead

**DRIVE TIME/MILES:** 60+ miles, 1:30 drive time  
Narrow, winding, very scenic road after town of Foresthill. Return about 4 PM. Based on length of the drive, a donation of \$12 to drivers is recommended.

**HIKE LEADER/SWEEP:** Leader Gay Mackintosh/Sweep TBD

**MEETUP/LEAVE TIME:** Meet 7:30 am/ Leave 7:45 am. Far right rear 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 repellent, 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:** <https://www.alltrails.com/explore/map/little-bald-mountain-loop-907edb0>

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**     **Navigate to: Robinson Flat Campground**

**Driving Directions:** I-80 east to just past Auburn to Foresthill/Auburn Ravine Road Exit 121 (about 15 miles from SCLH). Continue East on Foresthill Road about 45 miles on winding, scenic road to Robinson Flat Campground at end of main road. Follow signs to day use area and park on the left across from pit toilets.