

FAVORITE LOCAL TRAILS AROUND TWIN LAKES (SOUTH)

Twin Lakes is nestled in a beautiful lake basin located 13 miles west of the town of Bridgeport on Twin Lakes Road. The majestic Sawtooth Ridge dominates the skyline above crystal clear lakes and streams. At the end of Upper Twin Lake is a popular summertime campground and resort known as Mono Village. The Twin Lakes are recognized as one of the premier fishing destinations in the Eastern Sierra, but they also serve as one of the gateways to the vast Hoover Wilderness and the remote northern Yosemite backcountry.

Trail Name: Barney Lake Trail

Trail Type: Hiking, Equestrian

Length: 3.7 mi

Elevation Gain: 1,173 ft

Description:

The Barney Lake trail picks up just west of the Mono Village Campground. In the busy summer months, this campground can be a literal maze of RV's and campers. Ask a campground host for directions to the main trailhead. The Barney Lake trail immediately crosses into the Hoover Wilderness, following the north bank of Robinson Creek. The impressive Sawtooth Ridge provides stunning scenery. This trail is flat and well maintained, weaving through pine forest, aspen groves, and alpine meadows until reaching the snowmelt basin of Barney Lake. For an extended adventure, continue to follow the trail past Barney Lake up to Peeler Lake!

Trail Name: Horse & Cattle Creek Canyon

Trail Type: Hiking, Equestrian

Length: 5.1 mi

Elevation Gain: 1,624 ft

Description:

Horse and Cattle Creek are two different trails that converge and provide a wonderful 5 mile loop just to the south of Upper Twin Lake. These trails follow the Hoover Wilderness boundaries and offer spectacular views of Sawtooth Ridge and the Twin Lakes basin. Two cars are recommended for shuttling between trailheads, and starting from Cattle Creek is best. From US 395 in Bridgeport, take Twin Lakes Road for 10 miles to South Twin Lake Road. Turn left and follow this road for about 2 miles to a parking area and trailhead on the left. Leave a second vehicle at the Mono Village Marina which is located at the end of Twin Lakes Road. The Horse Creek trail ultimately ends here and concludes a magnificent day hike. If a car shuttle is not preferable, follow the trail along the southern shore of Upper Twin Lake to connect both trailheads with an extra two mile jaunt along the lake.

Trail Name: Tamarack Trail

Trail Type: Hiking, Equestrian

Length: 5.0 mi

Elevation Gain: 2,533 ft

Description:

From US 395 in Bridgeport, take Twin Lakes Road for 10 miles to South Twin Lakes Road on the left. Turn left and head 0.5 miles to the Tamarack Lake trailhead on the left. Please park along the road or at the picnic area past the trailhead on the right. The trail climbs steeply up the glacial moraine for the first mile, through boulders and stands of mountain mahogany, then becomes less steep, and follows the drainage through intermittent forest and sagebrush scrub. After 5 miles, the trail reaches Tamarack Lake where it becomes less distinct. Confident cross-country travelers can proceed on to Hunewill Lake, or further to Monument Ridge.



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