

FAVORITE LOCAL TRAILS AROUND VIRGINIA LAKES

Several miles south of Bridgeport and high above Conway Summit, the Virginia Lakes Basin consists of eight pristine mountain lakes known for incredible fishing. With Dunderberg Peak towering above the lakes, and the Mono Lake Basin stretching below, Virginia Lakes is a gateway to the Hoover Wilderness and some of the best hiking trails around. Remember to abide by all wilderness regulations when accessing these remote regions.

Trail Name: Virginia Creek

Trail Type: Off-Highway Vehicles

Length: 9.1 mi

Description:

Virginia Creek trail is a beautiful, OHV road that runs parallel to US 395, eventually crossing Dog Creek. From Bridgeport, head south on US 395 for 13 miles and turn right on Virginia Lakes Road. Take Virginia Lakes Road for about a mile to a dirt road on the right that cuts through the adjacent meadows. This is Virginia Creek trail, which traverses through meadows and aspen forest along Virginia Creek eventually exiting at Green Creek Road.

Trail Name: Virginia Lakes to Green Creek

Trail Type: Hiking, Equestrian

Length: 10 mi

Elevation Gain: 3,095 ft

Description:

A strenuous but extremely rewarding day! This trail connects Virginia Lakes Road with Green Creek Road passing more than 10 backcountry lakes in the pristine Hoover Wilderness. Two cars are required for car shuttling back to the trailhead if you intend to complete the loop. Drop off a car at the Green Creek trailhead accessed by driving 6 miles south of Bridgeport on US 395. Take a right on Green Creek Road and travel for 3.4 miles to the first major intersection. Turn right making almost a 180-degree turn, and follow this road for an additional 5 miles to the sign for Green Creek trailhead. In the additional car, head back out to US 395 and go south for an additional 7 miles to Virginia Lakes Road on the right. Take Virginia Lakes Road for 6 miles following signs to the Virginia Lakes trailhead. Park and find the trailhead sign behind the brick bathrooms to begin the long hike. Also, this loop can be broken down into shorter segments for a less intense outing! See map for details.

Trail Name: Jordan Basin Loop

Trail Type: Mtn Bike, Off-Highway Vehicles

Length: 9.8 mi

Description:

At Conway Summit, follow Virginia Lakes Road about 0.2 miles, and park in the large parking lot just before the signed Jordan Basin Road. Follow the dirt road up a glacial moraine that frames the northern edge of the Jordan Basin. At the upper end of the Basin, turn left onto Road 181. Follow this road down and into the basin, and back up to the ridge between Virginia Lakes and Lundy Canyon. From this ridge, there are expansive views of Lundy Canyon, the Bodie Hills and the Mono Basin. The trail follows the ridge through mountain mahogany, aspens, and pine forest to Copper Mountain, which stands sentry over the Mono Basin and is a prime spot to take in views of Mono Lake, the Granite Mountains and the Bodie Hills. Follow the trail as it trends back toward the moraine where the ride began.



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