

HIKING/ BIKING TRAILS OF PONDEROSA STATE PARK

All trail distances are one-way, Except for the Meadow Marsh Trail

MEADOW MARSH HIKING TRAIL - 1.4-Miles (foot traffic only)

The Meadow Marsh Trail begins at the overflow parking lot across from the entrance of the Peninsula Campground. The trail loops around the meadow marsh that at one time was a wet marsh but is now in transition to becoming a mountain meadow. The trail is well shaded by a variety of trees including the Ponderosa Pine. Huckleberry bushes are also found along the trail as well as other low-growing vegetation. For those wishing a shorter hike, the Fir Grove cutoff can be taken to return to the trailhead. This is a good area to view wildlife. This is an easy hike with little elevation gain making an excellent hike for young children as well as those with a limited amount of time.

LILY MARSH HIKING TRAIL - 1-Mile (foot traffic only)

The southern access point of the Lily Marsh Trail begins approximately ¾ of a mile north of the Activity Center at the Fox Run Trailhead. The trail goes through a variety of terrain with up and down slopes; also crosses open areas with loose rock so watch your step. Wooden walkways and steps have been put in to help you along the way. To access the Huckleberry Bay Trail go north where the trail forks. A wooden bridge allows access across the marsh; this is an excellent point to stop for photos. This trail then merges with Fox Run Trail and will take you to the Lily Marsh Trailhead. This is a moderately difficult hike and is more strenuous than the Meadow Marsh Trail.

RIDGELINE HIKING TRAIL - 1 Mile (foot traffic only)

The Ridgeline Hiking Trail begins 2½ miles north of the Activity Center. Access is from the Lily Marsh Trailhead Parking Lot. This is a fairly difficult hike with an approximate elevation gain of 250 feet. The trail traverses a lava rock field to a meadow towards the top of the summit. The trail is fairly narrow with some loose rock on the path. After crossing the meadow area, the trail junctions with the road near the point. Hikers can go either direction on the road to access the Narrows Overlook and the Osprey Cliff Overlook; this is an excellent place to take photos. This is a difficult trail.

PENINSULA BIKING TRAIL - 3/4 Mile (bike and foot traffic)

This trail starts at the Activity Center. From here you ride the paved portion around the campground loops and head north along the lakeshore. Just after the boat ramp access road the trail changes to compacted gravel; from here the trail winds along the side of the road and offers nice views of the lake. The trails ends at the at the Lily Marsh Trailhead parking lot. This is an excellent choice for those after a more relaxing peddle in the park.

FOX RUN MT. BIKING TRAIL – 1.4 Miles (bike and foot traffic)

The Fox Run Trailhead is ¾ of a mile north of the Activity Center. From there, you ride along an old service road. This is a double tracked graveled trail and a great access ride to the more difficult Huckleberry Bay trail. The trail is a gentle climb from the southern access point and ends at the Lily Marsh Trailhead parking lot. This is an easy intermediate trail.

HUCKLEBERRY BAY MT. BIKING TRAIL - 1 Mile (bike and foot traffic)

The Huckleberry Bay Trail begins 2½ miles north of the Activity Center. Access is from the Lily Marsh Trailhead parking lot where you will ride a short distance on the Fox Run trail. This single-track trail leads you to the road just below the point and has approximately 250 feet of elevation change. Inundated with exposed roots and sharp switchbacks makes for some interesting maneuvering. Trail etiquette is important to observe while traveling Huckleberry Trail. There is limited space for passing traffic on the trail. Please use caution especially while on the downhill portion; your speed can exceed your line of sight. This is an intermediate trail.