



Gabe's Peak Trail #136

Length: 3.3 miles (5.4 km)

Use: Light

Difficulty

Horseback: Most Difficult

Hiking: Most Difficult

USGS Maps: Tripod Peak

Recreation sites nearby: Wilson Corrals Trial, West Mountain Trail

Attractions and Considerations

Gabe's Peak Trail and Gabe's Bathtub are named for Gabriel, one of Andrew Little's Basque shepherders. The trailhead is located in Rammage Meadows. There is a loading ramp and hitching rails provided for horseback users, as well as a large parking lot and several dispersed campsites with space for tents and travel trailers. The trail is well defined, but is narrow and steep in some places. Volunteers maintain the trail once each year.

From Rammage Meadows, the trail follows a logging road for about a mile. The logging road ends in a logging unit. From the logging road, the trail proceeds upslope through alpine fir, spruce thickets, and open slopes covered with sagebrush and willows. The trail ascends to the top of West Mountain through conifers, meadows and open ridge tops. It provides panoramic views of Squaw Butte and the Squaw Creek drainage.

The trail passes around Gabe's Peak and near Gabe's Bathtub, a small pond 1/4 mile north of the trail. The pool is used by livestock and is unsafe for drinking and swimming. The trail proceeds on around Gabe's Peak and ascends to the West Mountain Trail. The trail ends at Wilson Meadows near an old stockman's cabin.

Trail Beginning

Elevation: 7519 ft

The trail begins at Rammage Meadows, near National Forest Road 653 (NF-653).

Trail Ending

Elevation: 5505 ft

Trail ends at Wilson Meadows, just below the radar site on Snowbank Mountain.

Access:

From State Highway 52, turn north to Ola (17 miles). From Ola proceed north on NF-618 to the intersection of NF-653 and then on to Rammage Meadows (25 miles). The trail provides panoramic views of the Squaw Creek drainage and West Mountain. From the upper end, the trail provides access to NF-446 and the Snowbank Mountain radar site.

