



Peace Creek Trail #034

Length: 8.8 miles (14.2 km)

Use: Moderate

Difficulty

Motorcycle: Most Difficult

Horseback: Most Difficult

Hiking: Most Difficult

USGS Maps: Boiling Springs, Deadwood Reservoir

Recreation sites nearby: Tranquil Basin Trail, Rattlesnake Trail, Silver Creek Campground, Silver Creek Plunge, Silver Creek Guard Station

Attractions and Considerations

The trail crosses several tiny creeks that feed into Peace Creek where, in spring, wildflowers such as arnica, lupine and sticky geranium carpet the meadows. About 2 ½ miles from the trailhead, the trail steeply ascends a dry southern slope. To the north granite boulders provide scenic views in three directions. The trail levels, then ascends steeply once again through ponderosa pine forests and sagebrush hillsides. The steeper sections of the trail offer views of Peace Rock and the surrounding mountains and valleys.

Once the trail reaches a ridge, it levels and skirts the ridge's west side. The trail ends in a prominent saddle that offers views of the mountain ranges to the west. In the saddle the Peace Creek Trail is intersected by the Boiling Springs driveway which branches east and connects with the Tranquil Basin Trail. The driveway is signed about a quarter east of its intersection with the Peace Creek Trail.

Equestrians and trail bike riders should use extreme caution on the eroded, unstable and steep portions of the trail. Although the Tranquil Basin Trail and the Peace Creek Trail are linked by the Boiling Springs driveway, the Tranquil Basin Trail is open yearlong to non-motorized use while the Peace Creek Trail is open yearlong to motorized use.

Trail Beginning

Elevation: 4560 ft

The trail begins at the confluence of Peace Creek and Silver Creek, and parallels Peace Creek for about one mile before it starts to climb to the ridge top.

Trail Ending

Elevation: 7280 ft

The trail ends in a prominent saddle at the unsigned junction of the Peace Creek Trail.

Access:

Start at Banks, along State Highway 55. Head east on the Banks-Lowman Highway about 10 miles to the Crouch turnoff. Go north, passing through Crouch on a paved road, which becomes National Forest Road 698 (gravel). Continue north on NF-698 to the intersection of NF-671. Go northeast on NF-671 about 8 miles to a trail directional sign, park at the

trail sign, then you must ford Silver Creek and parallel Peace Creek on a short road for a quarter mile. The road ends near a registration box and the Peace Creek trailhead. Parking is available near the trail sign on NF-671 for 5 to 10 vehicles.

To access the trailhead, ford Silver Creek and go southeast paralleling Peace creek on a short road. Within a quarter mile, the road diminishes and the trail begins near a registration box. The trail rises steeply up a small hill where it forks with the Peace Creek Trail continuing east and an unnamed trail branching northeast.

