

HIKING LAKE ARROWHEAD

A wide variety of hiking trails are available. Contact the local Ranger Station to find a hike that suits your ability, or stop by and pick up one of the many trail guides or maps. The Ranger Station will tell you current trail conditions, fire restrictions and permit requirements. Be sure to let a friend or relative know the very latest time you should return and exactly where you plan to visit.

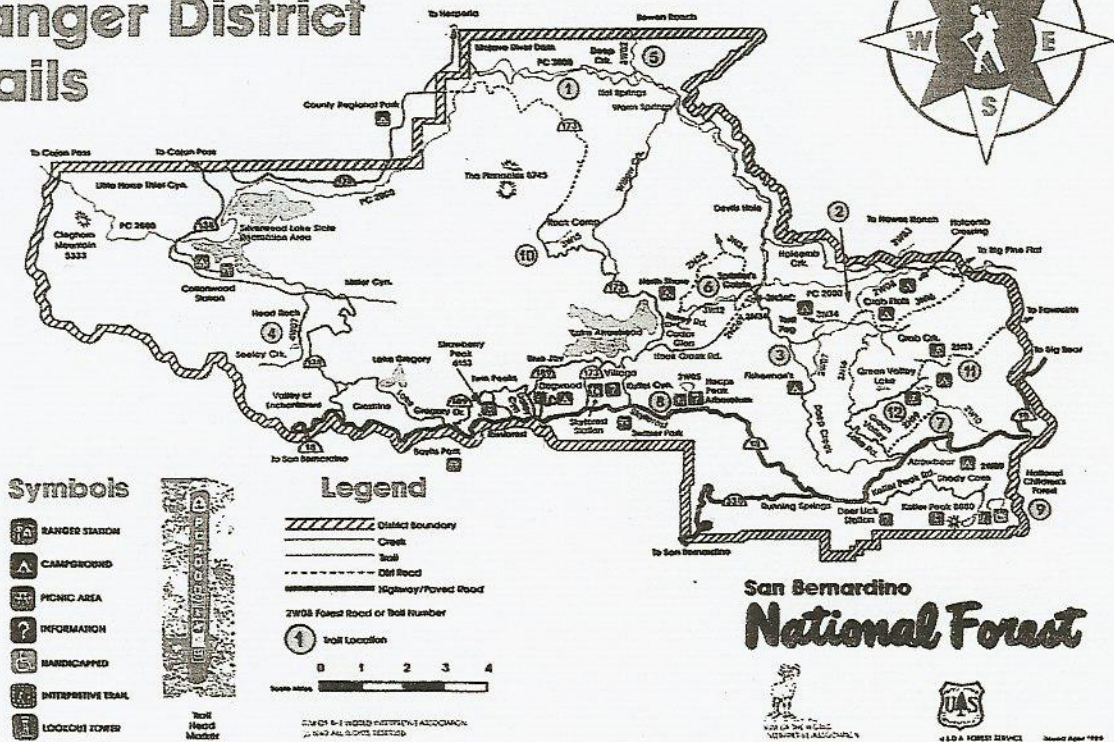
Natural hazards in the national forest include fallen trees, steep drop-offs, falling limbs, and swift streams. Be on the lookout! Poison oak (leaves of three leave it be) can cause skin irritation and should be avoided. Rattlesnakes and black bears are commonly seen, and can appear any time, anywhere. Normally they try to get away from you, but be alert,

particularly around water sources and shaded areas. Weather can change quickly, especially at high elevations. Check weather forecasts and avoid storms. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human and animal wastes. Don't drink water from springs, ponds, lakes, or streams without treatment. A recommended treatment is to bring water to a rolling boil for 15 minutes before drinking. Portable water filters are available at outdoor stores.

Things to Bring on Your Hike:

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| Sturdy boots | Jacket |
| Extra clothing | Canteen |
| Food | Water purification tablets |
| or water filter | Trowel for sanitation |
| Whistle | Sunglasses |
| Sunscreen | Pocket knife |
| First aid kit | Map and compass |
| Waterproof matches | |

Arrowhead Ranger District Trails



This map was created by the Rim of the World Interpretive Association.
For more helpful information contact their website: www.hearsoeakarboretum.com

Hiking Trails

Arrowhead Ranger Station: (909) 382-2782
Big Bear Discovery Center: (909) 382-2789
(information obtained from the United States Forest Service)

1 Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail PC2000

(40 miles, moderately difficult)

The Pacific Crest Trail extends 2,600 miles from Canada to Mexico. Although a few marathon hikers have gone the length on one trip, most take the trail in segments over a period of years. The PC2000 traverses 40 miles of the Arrowhead Ranger District. It enters where FS Road 3N16 crosses Holcomb Creek and exits at Boundary Ridge north of Cleghorn Mountain. The trail is for horse and foot traffic only; all motorized vehicles and bicycles are prohibited. Entry and exit points are numerous, which makes the trail ideal for short nature walks, half-day hikes, or day hikes. The most commonly used points of entry/exit are FS Road 3N16, Crab Flats Trail (2W08), Splinter's Cabin at Deep Creek, Highway 173 near the Mojave River Dam, and at Silverwood State Park. Some highlights of the PC2000 as it winds through the Arrowhead District are: the scenic quality of Holcomb Creek and Deep Creek, the granite gorge called Devil's Hole, the hot springs, the outstanding views of Silverwood Lake, and Little Horsetheft Canyon.

2 Crab Flats Trail 2W08

(1.3 miles, moderately difficult)

This trail begins ½ mile west of Crab Flats Campground on FS Road 3N34. From the Sky Forest Ranger Station, take Hwy. 18 east to Green Valley Lake Rd. and turn left. The trail descends rapidly until it intersects the Pacific Crest Trail (PC2000) approximately ½ mile west of Holcomb Crossing Trail Camp. This trail will provide you with a variety of forest settings in a relatively short hiking distance. Camping at Holcomb Crossing Trail Camp is available. All terrain vehicles are authorized on the trail but not on the PC2000.

3 Crab Creek Trail 2W07

(2.5 miles, moderately difficult)

This trail begins 1.3 miles west of Crab Flats Campground on FS Road 3N34. Crab Creek Trail provides the primary access to Fisherman's Camp on Deep Creek. The trail descends moderately westward crossing Crab Creek 1.3 miles from Deep Creek. Deep Creek must be forded to reach Fisherman's Camp. CAUTION!: Attempting to cross Deep Creek when it is running high can be dangerous and is NOT recommended. The scenery along this trail is exceptional. Camping at Fisherman's Camp is by group permit only.

4 Seeley Creek Trail 4W07

(1 mile, easy walk)

This short trail begins on FS Road 2N03, ½ mile south of the entrance to Camp Seeley on Highway 138. You must cross the creek. This easy hike follows Seeley Creek to an overlook called "Heart Rock" which marks the trail's end. The gentle grade of this trail makes it an excellent walk for all ages.

5 Hot Springs Trail 3W02

(1.5 miles, difficult)

This trail begins on the north edge of the forest near Bowen ranch (where you are asked to pay a toll to cross the private land) and heads south to Deep Creek. Directly south across Deep Creek you will find the Hot Springs pools for which this trail is named. CAUTION: The Hot Springs water contains a rare sand sometimes fatal disease called amoebic meningoencephalitis. It is advisable not to submerge your head as eyes, ears, nose, and mouth are all possible portals of entry for infections. More information is available in the Deep Creek handout at the Lake Arrowhead Ranger Station.

6 North Shore National Recreational Trail 3W12

(1.7 miles, moderately difficult)

This trail is best reached by starting at the beginning of FS Road 2N25 between North Shore Campground and Papoose Lake. To reach 2N25, turn east on Torrey Road opposite the Lake Arrowhead Marina. Turn at the first left and follow the dirt road ½ mile to where you reach the trail head on the east (right) side of 2N25. The trail descends gently through a mixed conifer forest and settles finally along Little Bear Creek where you will reach FS Road 2N26Y after one mile.

7 Little Green Valley Trail 2W10

(1.5 miles, difficult)

This trail begins on the north side of Highway 18 between the two entrances to Snow Valley Ski area. Little Green Valley Trail climbs steeply to the north until you reach a meadow at FS Road 2N19. This trail provides you with outstanding views of Snow Valley and Slide Park.

8 Heaps Peak Arboretum Trail 3W05

(0.7 miles, easy)

This interpretive trail is located 1.4 miles east of Sky Forest on Highway 18. This trail is an easy walk for all ages that takes you through a self-guided tour with 24 points of interest about native plants and wildlife. The site was constructed and is maintained by volunteers from the Rim of the World Interpretive Association. A donation is requested for those keeping the Arboretum trail guide.

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9 Trail of the Phoenix 2W09
(0.5 miles, easy)

This paved nature trail begins at the entrance of the National Children's Forest, off Keller Peak Road. The trail is specifically designed and maintained to accommodate the needs of the visually and physically disabled. The trail maintains a grade of 5% or less. All interpretive signs are in distinctive print and Braille.

10 Indian Rock Trail 3W15
(0.5 miles, easy)

This trail begins immediately east of Rock Camp Station on Highway 173. The trail leads to bedrock mortars used by the Serrano Indians to grind acorns and to make flour. A stone monument was placed on the site by the Lake Arrowhead Woman's Club to designate the historical importance of this encampment to the Serrano Indians.

11 Little Green Valley 2N19
(5 miles, difficult)

This tour rapidly climbs out of Green Valley Campground to the top of Little Green Valley Ridge. From the ridge top the trail slowly descends towards Green Valley Road. From here you can return the way you came, or you can shuttle back to Green Valley Campground. Numerous unmarked routes of all levels of difficulty are available in either direction from the top of Little Green Valley Ridge. Skiing is generally good from December to April.

12 Snowshoe, Cross-Country Ski Trails

When winter blankets the Arrowhead District, there are opportunities for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing near Green Valley and east to Fawnskin. Blue diamonds mark the routes which are part of the Forest Service road system closed to vehicles during the winter season. Call (909) 867-4505 or (909) 867-2338 for up-to-date ski reports. A word of caution: harsh conditions of wind, cold, and white-out can turn an outing into a tragedy. Knowledge of the area, weather, route, avalanche areas and conditions, your physical endurance, and equipment are essential.

Hawes Peak Trail 2W08/2W14
(4.5 miles, moderate)

Hawes Peak Trail begins on 2W08 about 2/10 of a mile west of Tent Peg Campground on 3N34. Travel 1.3 miles to Pacific Crest Trail. Follow PCT east 2 mile to 2W14 and go north 3.3 miles. Trail ends at a yellow post site on 3N41.

Fisherman's Camp Trail 2W07
(2.5 miles, moderately difficult)

Fisherman's Camp Trail begins 1.3 miles west of Crab Flats campground on FS Road 3N34. It ends at Deep Creek.

Pinnacles Trail 3W16
(3.5 miles, difficult)

Pinnacles Trail begins at the entrance to the rifle range on Hwy. 173, north of Rock Camp. It ends at the top of the peak. This trail is not well-defined and is difficult to follow.

Tunnel II Trail 3W19
(1 mile, easy)

Tunnel II Trail begins at FS Road 2N34. Take Grass Valley Road to Clubhouse. Follow Clubhouse to Fairway, and continue on Fairway, turning on Brentwood. Turn left on Sonoma to 2N34. Go left on 2N34 and follow to trailhead.

