

**RECOMMENDED DAY HIKES**  
**ORLEANS, UKONOM, AND LOWER TRINITY RANGER DISTRICTS**  
**SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST**

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**Note: Always inquire about current trail conditions before starting on any of these hikes.**

**ORLEANS RANGER DISTRICT:**

**Fish Lake Trail (#4E54)**

The Fish Lake Campground is one of the most popular on the Six Rivers National Forest. The gently sloping terrain in this southern end of the Siskiyou Mountains supports a thick mixed evergreen forest with plenty of Douglas-fir, and, close to lakes and streams, Port Orford-cedar. In this drainage, Port Orford-cedar has, unfortunately, largely succumbed to a pathogen that is always fatal to the species when introduced into a watershed. Research and propagation efforts are in progress, to produce a pathogen-resistant strain. The Fish Lake Trail is a short path around the lake. This recreation site also has camping, boating, and fishing opportunities. This trail connects to others, described below, for expanded day hike opportunities.

Approx. length: 1.0 mile

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 35 minutes

**Blue Lake Trail (#4E56)**

This loop trail goes around Blue Lake, which features a Douglas-fir and Port Orford-cedar forest and has fishing opportunities. A newly-constructed boardwalk crosses a boggy area. Blue Lake usually has fewer visitors than Fish Lake.

Approx. length: 0.5 mile

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 35 minutes

**Red Mountain Lake Trail (#4E55)**

This trail connects Fish Lake and Blue Lake. Hikers can start from either end. The trail passes Red Mountain Lake, which is only accessed by hiking. The environment is similar to that at Fish Lake and Blue Lake. All three trails can be combined for a longer hike.

Approx. length, round trip: 4.0 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 35 minutes

### **Bluff Creek Historic Trail (#5E01)**

This trail connects Highway 96 near E-Ne-Nuk Campground with Slate Creek Road. The Highway 96 end is clearly marked by a sign. The far end has no sign. Starting from Highway 96, the trail climbs a short set of switchbacks through a patch of whitethorn ceanothus on serpentine soil, then enters woods. After the initial climb, the trail is almost level. There is a fine, attractive stand of old growth Douglas-fir along the way. There is currently one log across the trail near the Highway 96 end that presents a minor difficulty for hikers. It is possible to use a car shuttle to cut the length of the hike in half. This trail is suitable for year-round use.

Approx. length, round trip: 3.0 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 12 minutes

### **Prospect Trail (#6E02)**

This trail passes through a mixed evergreen forest and some interesting serpentine bunchgrass prairies. Long stretches of the trail follow old ditches that were used in early days to carry water for use in hydraulic mining. There are other relics of mining activity to be seen. Well along the upper half of the trail, there are good views of the canyon of the Klamath River above Orleans. The trail is suitable for year-round use.

The unmarked upper trailhead is shortly past the 6-mile sign on the right side of the G-O Rd. (called "Eyesee Rd." on the highway sign at the Highway 96 junction). The trail departs from the southeastern corner of the parking area. After closely following a former ditch for a long distance, the trail turns to the left and begins a long, steep descent, very steep at times, switchbacking to the lower trailhead on Ishi Pishi Rd. This lower trailhead is clearly marked by a sign.

Be aware that poison oak is abundant along the top section of the trail. Most of the length of the trail, in from both the upper and lower trailheads, has been cleared of most obstacles, and is easily passable. A few logs that can be clambered over remain. However, somewhat past one mile in from the lower trailhead there is a place that currently requires walking a long, suspended fir log high above the ground. Some users may not be comfortable with this. A short distance above this point a major blowdown has dropped a tangle of large firs across the trail. Continuing here presently requires a steep, difficult bypass with poor footing. Therefore, a through hike of the trail is quite difficult at present. Once these barriers have been cleared, Prospect Trail will offer an excellent opportunity for a downhill one-way hike using a car shuttle.

Approx. length (one way): 3.5 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 5 minutes to Ishi Pishi Rd. trailhead, 12 minutes to G-O Rd. trailhead

## **Boundary Trail (#4E50)**

The Boundary Trail is an excellent introduction to the wild and rugged high country of the Siskiyou Mountains. It offers good opportunities for solitude. A short hike, but one with considerable elevation gain, takes one to a high tarn located near the first pass on the east side of the Siskiyou Mountains crest. This climbs through serpentine outcrops, and offers views of a diverse forest, distant mountains and river canyons, gnarled Jeffrey pines, and the features known as Turtle Rock and Chimney Rock. The trail is maintained as far as the first pass to a moderate standard, passable to hikers and stock, though a few trees are down.

The trail after the pass at the high tarn is primitive. It crosses an area burned in a wildfire several years ago. There may be some large logs to clamber over. Good routefinding skills may be needed in places. The trail first descends very steeply to two meadow crossings, then ascends extremely steeply to a junction with the disappearing Buck Camp Ridge Trail, and then to a ridge south of Sawtooth Mountain. It then descends, at a rate beyond extremely steeply, into Elk Hole. Do not be fooled by the nominally short length of the trail. A hike to Elk Hole and back will take all day. This is for experienced hikers.

To get to the trailhead, follow the G-O Rd. to near its end, and turn left on a spur into Elk Valley. This spur is subject to closure during the rainy season and well into spring to combat spread of the Port Orford-cedar pathogen. Inquire about the road status at the Orleans Ranger District office. In most years, it opens June 1, and closes after the first one inch fall of rain in autumn. The last part of the road into Elk Valley is rough. High clearance vehicles are strongly recommended. Going north from where the end of the road in Elk Valley crosses Blue Creek (possibly dry), watch for a wooden sign high in a tree to your left marking the start of the trail.

Please be aware that during late summer months, members of native American peoples with homelands on the area's rivers frequently visit Elk Valley and the nearby "high country," including the southern portion of the Boundary Tr., for spiritual purposes. Please do not approach other persons you may see in these areas, as they may wish to remain in complete isolation. Please pass through quickly and quietly.

Approx. length, to high tarn, round trip: 3.0 miles

Approx. length, to Elk Hole, round trip: 7.0 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 60 minutes

## **East Fork Blue Creek Trail (#4E09)**

This hidden jewel offers likely solitude, immersion in a diverse mixed evergreen forest, views of mid-elevation ridges of the Siskiyou Mountains, and a lovely creek with dipping opportunities in cool pools. As one approaches East Fork Blue Creek, one enters a dark, primeval grove with large Port Orford-cedars (some of the best on the Six Rivers National Forest) and even larger specimens of Douglas-fir. Don't miss the rhododendron bloom in early June!

The trail begins by descending a steep series of switchbacks through a regenerating forest on a decades-old cut block. As it enters old growth forest, it intersects an older section of trail (abandoned and almost indiscernible from that point east), and continues west high above the creek, finally descending gradually. The trail then crosses the creek five times. Watch closely for the crossing points, as they may be obscure. In summer, the crossings are ordinarily no more than knee deep, and the water not too swift. The crossings generally require wading at any time of year, so bring wetable footwear. Along the trail sections between the creek crossings, there are several large down logs to scramble over. Past the last creek crossing, a continuation of the trail known as the Forks of Blue Trail, in primitive condition, begins a long ascent of the ridge to the north.

Remember that you will have about a 1200 foot climb at the end of the day to return to your car, and budget time accordingly!

The Nickowitz Peak Rd. from the G-O Rd. to the trailhead is built to a standard suitable for passenger cars. However, rocks and logs are frequently dislodged from road cuts over the winter. Especially early in the season, before there has been time for maintenance, be very cautious of obstacles on both the paved and unpaved sections of the road, and be prepared to do some self-service clearing. The Nickowitz Peak Rd. is subject to closure during the rainy season and well into spring to combat spread of the Port Orford-cedar pathogen. Inquire about the road status at the Orleans Ranger District office. In most years, it opens June 1, and closes after the first one inch fall of rain in autumn.

Approx. length, to last creek crossing, round trip: 6.0 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 65 minutes

### **Forks of Blue Trail (#4E07)**

This ridgetop trail in the Siskiyou Wilderness mostly passes through an open-canopied forest with a variety of conifer species, including some fine specimens of Port Orford-cedar. There are great views of mid-elevation ridges of the Siskiyou Mountains, including Peak 8 and Doctor Rock in the "high country" sacred to local native American peoples. This is one of the least-known trails in the Orleans area, and offers almost certain solitude.

The trail begins at a signboard visible from the G-O Rd. It undulates through forest and meadows, passing a scenic viewpoint on a serpentine bald along the way, and crossing boggy areas supporting stands of Port Orford-cedar, then drops and follows a ridge line to the south. It then climbs to a high point, approximately five miles in. To that point, the trail is passable for hikers. There are some sketchy bypasses of down logs about 1 ½ miles from the trailhead. Otherwise, it is mostly pleasant walking. The area of the aforementioned high point at the south end of the ridge burned over in the Forks Fire in the summer of 2017. The fire stayed on the ground, with no torching in the area of the trail. The route has been cleared and flagged through the fire footprint.

Past the high point, the trail briefly descends a vague route through a small forested valley, then traverses across a slope to the right to begin a long descent. Here the trail enters a thick stand of

knobcone pines, all now about five feet high, which as one goes forward becomes increasingly mixed with thickly-growing brush. The exact location of the trail becomes indiscernible for a distance of about half a mile. It is *extremely* rough going here. For this reason, the remainder of the trail cannot be recommended at present, even though the route down the hill, past this brush patch, isn't a bad trail. If the through route is cleared, Forks of Blue Trail, combined with East Fork Blue Creek Trail, will one day offer a great opportunity for a through hike with a car shuttle. Until then, the trail can be used for out-and-back hikes as short or as long as you desire. In the area of the high point, where the Forks Fire burned, there are opportunities for off-trail explorations of knobcone pine stands, and of a couple of seasonal ponds shown on the topographic map.

Approx. length, including E. Fk. Blue Cr. Tr., through hike *not* recommended: 10.0 miles  
Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 45 minutes

### **Salmon Summit Trail (#6E03) and Red Cap Lake Trail**

The road approach is from Red Cap Rd., starting from Highway 96 just across the Klamath River bridge from the Orleans Ranger Station. The trail alternates between old growth forest and more open areas with long views. A little over halfway along the route, there is a trail junction, with the right hand fork leading to Red Cap Lake. Alternatively, one can follow the left fork, and then make a short cross country ascent of Salmon Mountain, the highest peak in Humboldt County. This may have snow early in the season. Salmon Mountain offers spectacular views of mountains and canyons in every direction.

Approx. length, to Red Cap Lake, round trip: 11.0 miles  
Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 40 minutes

## **UKONOM RANGER DISTRICT:**

### **Wooley Creek Path**

Not to be confused with Wooley Creek Trail, Wooley Creek Path is a very short route furnishing access to Wooley Creek near its mouth. The path starts near the end of the stub of the Steinacher Creek Road, off an unpaved road loop at the ridgeline dividing the Salmon River and Wooley Creek watersheds. A sign at the start reads, "Creek Trail." The path is steep and has some very narrow, precarious spots. Use caution traveling with children, as there are sheer dropoffs. This is a lovely stretch of Wooley Creek in a deep canyon. Swimming and sunning are excellent in mid to late summer, after the water level goes down and the water temperature goes up. There are views of Black Mountain and Medicine Mountain up the creek canyon.

Approx. length: 0.2 miles  
Approx. driving time from Orleans: 20 minutes

### **Steinacher Trail (#5413 or 12W20)**

This short access to a cool, pretty glade along Steinacher Creek starts at the end of the stub of the Steinacher Creek Rd., near the start of Wooley Creek Path. It initially follows the route of the fully decommissioned Steinacher Creek Rd., then descends into the ravine of the creek. Expect plenty of poison oak. There are good views of the canyon of Wooley Creek. This is an interesting opportunity to observe the recovery of the forest following the road removal in the 1990s, and to see the contrast with the undisturbed forest along the last part of the trail. For a longer day's recreating, a hike on Steinacher Trail can be combined with a swim at the end of the Wooley Creek Path, or in the Salmon River under the Steinacher Creek Rd. bridge.

Approx. length, round trip: 1.6 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 20 minutes

### **Orleans Mountain Trail (#7E16)**

The trail starts at the last flat spot to the right of the Nordheimer Creek Rd. about 100 feet from where that road leaves Salmon River Rd., just across from Nordheimer Campground. There is no sign. The first part of the trail makes an interesting short hike for those staying at the campground. The trail climbs steadily, initially up a set of switchbacks through attractive rocky barrens with wildflower displays in spring. Views of distant peaks open up. After the first half mile, the trail enters forest. Tan oak tops have fallen on the trail, making progress difficult past this point.

Approximate length, round trip: 0.8 mile

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 40 minutes

### **Butler Mountain Trail (#7E15)**

The southern trailhead is easy to spot, with the trail switchbacking up a short, open slope across the road from a home next to the Salmon River, with a big green grassy area in front. A little over half a mile of trail is in passable condition. It ascends the canyon of Lewis Creek, with views of the rushing stream below. This part of the trail is attractive in spring. Be cautious of areas of narrow, sliding trail tread. Past the recently-cleared section, the trail becomes quite overgrown, and further progress is difficult.

Approximate length: 1.2 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 35 minutes

### **Somes Mountain Trail (#6E05) and Salmon River Trail**

This is a pleasant walk with close views of the Salmon River, though one should beware of abundant knee-high poison oak. Approach by turning off Highway 96 just south of the Salmon River bridge,

and following a short, potholed road to its end. Initially, the route follows the Somes Mountain Trail. After 3/4 mile, one reaches a signed junction with the Salmon River Trail, which continues up the river for another half mile. This trail ends on a river bar opposite the Oak Bottom river access point. There are currently two down logs that require crawling under, but they are not difficult. The Somes Mountain Trail continuing uphill past the junction is in badly overgrown condition after a short distance.

Approx. length, round trip: 2.5 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 12 minutes

### **Ten Bear Trail (#5802) to Ross Meadow**

This is a short hike but a long drive. It is not currently possible to approach the trailhead from the Camp Three Road, due to a major washout. The trailhead must be approached using the road from Ti Bar on Highway 96. The spur road past the corrals, to the trailhead, is becoming narrow due to encroaching brush. One option is to park by the corrals, and walk the rest of the spur road.

The trail goes through forested country. It first passes Ti Creek Meadows, and then, at the end of the described hike, reaches Ross Meadow. These meadows have ever-changing wildflower displays through the summer, peaking in July. The crossing of Ross Meadow can be confusing. In either direction, start crossing at the large rock cairn at the edge of the meadow, pass between the two cairns in the middle, and aim for the large cairn at the opposite edge. It is possible to make a longer hike by continuing on Ten Bear Trail deeper into the Marble Mountain Wilderness.

Approx. length, round trip, to Ross Meadow: 3.2 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 70 minutes

### **Haypress Trail (#5828) to Stanshaw Meadows Tr. junction, or to Monument Lake**

It is not currently possible to drive between the Camp Four Trailhead (the trailhead for Haypress Tr.) and the Stanshaw Trailhead, due to a major washout. The only approach to Haypress Trail is the Camp Three Rd. Long sections of the trail--most of the way from the trailhead to Monument Lake--burned over in the Haypress Fire, summer 2017. While along the majority of the trail the fire stayed on the ground, there were areas of major crown-killing flareups, which have left a continuing hazard of fire-weakened snags falling. Please be cautious. It would be prudent to avoid the area in windy, rainy, or snowy weather.

This is the primary western access to the high country of the Marble Mountain Wilderness. The trail starts at the Camp Four Trailhead (*no camping facilities*, this was the name of a logging camp). It initially climbs through forest, including areas of beautiful, open, old growth forest, mostly on a gentle grade, then drops to Trail Meadow and a crossing of Haypress Creek. Passing by a grove of mountain hemlock growing at an unusually low elevation, it soon meets the Stanshaw Meadows and Let'er Buck Trails. There is a nice meadow here, with good wildflower displays in summer. Haypress Creek can be reached again just to the left, along the Stanshaw Meadows Trail.

Although it makes for a long day, some people make a day hike all the way to Monument Lake. Continue by climbing steadily to a divide, then dropping to Halfmoon Creek and junctions with the Torgerson Meadow and Halfmoon Meadow Trails. From that point, the trail begins a long, steady, tough climb. One passes a 1/10 mile spur to attractive, willowy Round Meadow. Then there is a fine spring just before the trail makes a switchback left. This is the last trailside water before you drop to Monument Lake. The climb ends at the top of Sandy Ridge, where views open up and one truly enters the high country. Soon after is the upper junction with the McCash Loop (currently unsigned, as the old sign burned up in the 2017 Haypress Fire). (This offers an alternate option for the return trip via Torgerson Meadow Trail, but it may be overgrown.) Before long one reaches the spur downhill to the south (#5831) to popular Monument Lake, with opportunities for fishing and swimming. Look for Brewer's spruce growing in this basin.

Approx. length, to Stanshaw Meadows Tr., in the Haypress Meadows, round trip: 4.8 miles

Approx. length, to Monument Lake, round trip: 15.0 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 60 minutes

### **Let'er Buck Trail (#5821)**

This trail is a scenic alternative to the first part of the Haypress Trail. The approach is via Camp Three Rd. This is a primitive trail, and has some very steep ups and downs, but presents no real difficulties for hikers. Most of the length of the trail burned over in the Haypress Fire, summer 2017. There were areas of major crown-killing flareups, which have left a continuing hazard of fire-weakened snags falling. Please be cautious. It would be prudent to avoid the area in windy, rainy, or snowy weather.

The trail starts out through forested country. Starting from the main trailhead, one passes a number of impressive old sugar pines, though sadly many were killed in the Haypress Fire. After approximately three-quarters of a mile, the trail passes the end of a spur road. This can be used as an alternate starting point, but is not maintained to a high standard and is not recommended for passenger cars. From this point, the trail begins climbing steeply, then eventually drops very steeply to cross the first of several meadows. The rest of the trail undulates and crosses both wet and dry meadows, which have ever-changing displays of wildflowers through the summer, peaking in July. The crossing of Let'er Buck Meadow can be confusing. In either direction, cross the very boggy meadow in a straight line past the solitary tree in the middle of the meadow. The trail ends at Haypress Trail, just above the junction with Stanshaw Meadows Trail. Haypress Creek is just down the trail to your left.

Approx. length, round trip: 4.8 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 60 minutes

### **Wooley Creek Trail (#5832)**

The Wooley Creek Trailhead is on the Salmon River Rd. up river from Somes Bar. This trail provides access to the heart of the Marble Mountain Wilderness. The most difficult part is the first 3/4 mile, which climbs steeply several hundred feet across a rocky talus slope exposed to the midday sun. Choose the time of day or time of year for your trip with this in mind. Thereafter, Wooley Creek Trail is a predominantly shady, undulating walk through impressive stands of old growth Douglas fir, pine, and hardwoods. Much of the trail traverses bluffs high above the creek, with great views of the gorges of the creek and Salmon River. Although Wooley Creek is often far below, water sources are frequent, as the trail crosses numerous small side streams. Wildflower displays at lower elevations can be very good early in the season, especially in May.

The trail allows for as long or as short a hike as you like. A good destination is the first direct access to Wooley Creek, about 2.7 miles from the trailhead. This is at a small flat along the trail known as Julia's Camp. Access to Wooley Creek is easier at Deer Lick Creek, about 3.0 miles from the trailhead, by following this side creek to its mouth. Deer Lick Creek flows through a cool glade, a welcome respite on hot summer days.

Wooley Creek Trail is one of the few long trails near Orleans suitable for year-round use. However, the crossing of Deer Lick Creek may be difficult at times of high water, so in winter or spring this could be the end of your hike.

Approx. length to Deer Lick Creek, round trip: 6.0 miles  
Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 18 minutes

### **LOWER TRINITY RANGER DISTRICT:**

#### **Boise Creek Campground Trail (#5E65)**

This is a short trail at Boise Creek Campground. The trail descends to Willow Creek, a tributary of the Trinity River, with very beautiful riparian scenery.

Approx. length, round trip: 0.6 mile  
Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 60 minutes

#### **Horse Linto Trail (#5E36)**

This is an interpretive trail at Horse Linto Campground, showing examples of instream enhancement structures. It is also a good place to watch salmon spawn.

Approx. length: 0.4 mile  
Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 75 minutes

### **Grays Falls Trail (#6E30)**

This trail furnishes access through a cool forest to the Wild and Scenic Trinity River at Grays Falls Campground (currently closed) and day use area (open). Three different trail segments make up this trail system. It's approximately a 0.4 mile hike to the river from each of the two trailheads. The eastern starting point is in the day use area. The western starting point is in the campground. After the routes from the two trailheads join, close to the river, the trail branches again. Both forks lead to the water's edge. Grays Falls is one of the largest rapids on the Trinity River. There are opportunities for fishing and river recreation.

Approx. length, round trip to one river access point: 0.8 mile

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 65 minutes

### **South Fork Trinity Trail (East Side) (#6E23.1)**

The approach is via the South Fork Trinity Rd., a long and rather rough road that heads south from Willow Creek. This trail furnishes access to a remote, roadless canyon on the Wild and Scenic South Fork of the Trinity River. Some sections of trail are very narrow with steep dropoffs, so use caution traveling with small children. This is a beautiful spot in spring, with a good display of wildflowers. It is possible to continue on the South Fork Trinity Tr. (West Side) (#6E23.2) after fording the river.

Approx. length, round trip to river: 5.6 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 95 minutes

### **Red Cap Hole Trail (#6E14) to Lower Mill Creek Lake**

This trail starts at the Mill Creek Lakes Trailhead, at the end of a rather rough and narrow spur road. This can be approached either from Red Cap Rd. out of Orleans, or from Big Hill Rd. starting in Hoopa. Make a left turn just a few yards after starting hiking from the trailhead. The trail passes through an attractive conifer forest in the Trinity Alps Wilderness, with one stream crossing along the way. At a signed junction, turn right on the short trail (#6E73) to Lower Mill Creek Lake. The lake is in a scenic setting against cliffs, in a glacial cirque. As this is the most easily accessible major wilderness lake in the Orleans area, it is a popular destination. There are opportunities for fishing and swimming.

Approx. length, round trip: 3.4 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 110 minutes

### **Long Prairie Trail (#6E19) to Water Dog Lakes or Lookout Point**

This trail shares the Mill Creek Lakes Trailhead with the Red Cap Hole Trail (#6E14). The trail passes through the western side of the Trinity Alps Wilderness, initially in a forest partially burned over in the 1999 Megram Fire. Just a few yards from the trailhead, bear right at the first trail

junction, and bear left at the second . After crossing a large, cool stream, the trail climbs steadily, and soon passes through a succession of small prairies. These have wildflower displays in spring and early summer. Continue over the top of the ridge to a junction with the Horse Trail Ridge Trail (#6E08). Turn left, and you almost immediately come to the larger of the small, shallow Water Dog Lakes.

For a longer hike, continue on the somewhat vague Horse Trail Ridge Trail, skirting some meadows. After topping a ridge, you eventually come to a possibly-obscure spur to the right, leading to Lookout Point, with spectacular views of the high Trinity Alps and many other mountains to the east and north.

Approx. length, round trip to Water Dog Lakes: 2.8 miles

Approx. length, round trip to Lookout Point: 5.8 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 110 minutes

### **Crogan Basin Trail (#6E16) to Trinity Summit Guard Station**

This is sometimes called Grogan Basin Tr. or Oregon Basin Tr. These are probably misspellings. The trail starts at the Bear Hole Trailhead, at the end of the rather rough and narrow Road #10N02A (labeled #10N02 on some maps). This can be approached either from Red Cap Rd. out of Orleans, or from Big Hill Rd. starting in Hoopa. The trail passes through the western side of the Trinity Alps Wilderness, in a conifer forest, much of which burned heavily in the 1999 Megram Fire. After climbing a brushy hillside to a small ridge, and descending to cross dancing Tish Tang a Tang Creek, you begin another ascent through an attractive area of sloping dry meadows bordered by open forest. In the vicinity of Crogan Hole, at the spot known as Andy's Camp, you cross the Crogan Hole Tr. (#6E74), which is on the alignment of a decommissioned road. At this point, the two trails coincide for perhaps 100 feet. Watch for a rock cairn marking the uphill continuation of the Crogan Basin Tr. After climbing some more, alternately in forest and open meadows, you reach the crest known as Trinity Summit, and an intersection with the Horse Trail Ridge Tr. (#6E08) and the One Mile Trail (#6E17). Turn right on the Horse Trail Ridge Trail, and spectacular views of the high Trinity Alps to the east soon open up. The described hike ends at historic Trinity Summit Guard Station, in a lupine-filled prairie. Parts of the trail may be a little vague, but with the use of common sense the route is not hard to follow. In the 1850s, the trail system in this area furnished the earliest access routes to mining camps in the New River area.

Approx. length, round trip: 7.4 miles

Approx. driving time from Orleans, one way: 110 minutes