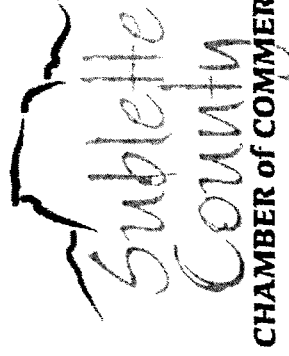


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TRAILHEADS & HIKING IN THE WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS



Since most of the hiking/riding trails in the Pinedale Ranger District are in the wilderness, detailed descriptions of day hikes and wilderness destinations are NOT available from the Forest Service. The wilderness area is meant to be a natural and challenging experience. Wilderness hikes and rides are meant to challenge your map and compass skills and your sense of adventure and exploration. The Pinedale Ranger District is happy to answer questions and give general information on areas.

Some trailheads are difficult to get to with horse trailers. Others are inaccessible during inclement weather. Check ahead to see if you'll be able to reach your choice of trailheads during inclement weather. During inclement weather, all trailheads except Elkhart Park may be inaccessible. Roads to all trailheads except Elkhart Park are rough dirt.

Registration Boxes are located at all major trailheads. The Forest Service asks that you register and add your comments and suggestions. Registering and providing your input helps Wilderness Managers determine use trends and minimize impacts to the wild setting so that everyone can continue to enjoy this beautiful area.

1. BIG SANDY TRAILHEAD

Big Sandy Campground, 12 sites. High use area. 9,100 feet elevation. Access is provided to Highline Trail, which is part of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, Fremont Trail and Lowline Trail.

Located in the southern Wind Rivers next to the Big Sandy River, this trailhead offers two separate parking areas for backpacker and equestrians, corrals and toilet facilities. No drinking water available.

54 miles Southeast of Pinedale, 1/2 paved, 1/2 rough gravel dirt. Drive south on US Highway 191 for 12 miles. At the town of Boulder turn left on Wyoming Highway 353 and drive 18 miles to the end of the pavement. Shortly after the pavement ends, go straight through the "junction, and drive south crossing the Big Sandy River at the Buckskin Crossing Historical Marker. At next junction after the crossing, turn left (east) and drive 7 miles to another junction. Turn left and drive to National Forest boundary, passing the Dutch Joe Guard Station. Turn right at junction with Big Sandy Lodge Road and continue a short distance to the Big Sandy Campground and trailhead. This trailhead is remote, so be sure to have a full tank of gas.

The first 6 miles of the trail are gentle to Big Sandy Lake. Then it is a steep hike to Jackass Pass and the Continental Divide. If traveling north, the trail has a slight uphill climb. Access to Jackass Pass which goes up and down 5 times before it tops out and drops into the beautiful Cirque of the Towers with Lonesome Lake at the base. Once you cross the Continental Divide you are in the Popo-Agie Wilderness of the Shoshone National Forest.

Be aware that this is bear country for both black bears and grizzlies.

at next junction. Turn left (east) at following junction, signed for White Acorn and Sweetwater Gap Ranches, and drive 7 miles. Bear left at next junction and shortly arrive at Sweetwater Campground. Go left and left again on Forest Road 890, which is rough. The road ends at the trailhead.

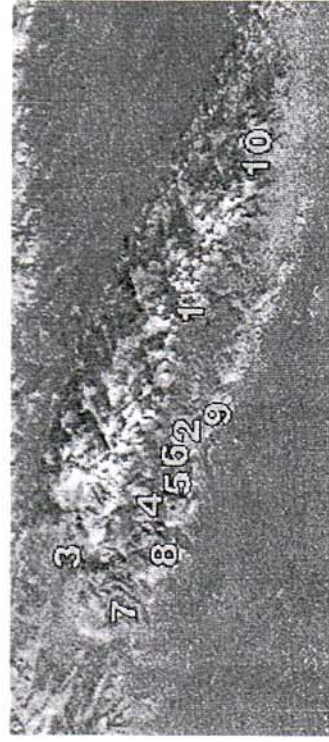
This area is ideally suited for the solitary adventurer. Travelers seeking a remote area for hiking, mountain biking, fishing, or quiet contemplation can find all they want here at the southern end of the Wind River Mountains. This trailhead is remote, so be sure to have a full tank of gas.

CAMPING IN DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREAS

The BLM Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) provide outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive-type recreation. However, there are restrictions on certain types of use in these WSA's. Restrictions may include limitations on motorized vehicle use, limiting wood for campfires to dead and down material, prohibition of cutting live vegetation, no aircraft, hang gliders, or bicycles.

All use in these areas should be temporary in nature. Leave No Trace camping techniques are encouraged. The use of wheelchairs by the disabled is allowable. Please contact the Pinedale Ranger District office to determine what other restrictions may exist.

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES: 1) Plan Ahead and Prepare 2) Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces 3) Dispose of Waste Properly 4) Leave What You Find 5) Minimize Campfire Impacts 6) Respect Wildlife 7) Be Considerate of Other Visitors



TRAILHEAD LOCATIONS

Located about 1 mile south of the upper end of Willow Lake, this trailhead offers a large parking area and one corral. There is no toilet facilities, drinking water or adjacent campground.

14 miles north of Pinedale on gravel road. Drive to the west side of town and turn north on Jackson Street, which soon leaves the city limit becoming a county road. Continue driving north, staying straight, passing Soda Lake to your right for approximately 10 miles to the National Forest boundary. Immediately after the boundary, bear right at the junction and continue four miles to the trailhead. The last four miles of road to the trailhead is rough and requires a high clearance vehicle.

Trail is mostly in timber and in meadows up Pine Creek Canyon until you break out above timberline near Summit Lake, Glimpse Lake and Trapper Lake Trails.

9. SCAB CREEK TRAILHEAD

Scab Creek Campground, operated by the BLM. 10 sites. Medium to low use. 7,800 feet elevation. Access is provided to Lowline Trail and Sage Basin Trail.

Nestled in the foothills of the south-central Wind Rivers, this trailhead offers separate parking areas for backpackers and equestrians, corrals and toilet facilities. No drinking water available.

30 miles Southeast of Pinedale. Drive south on US Highway 191 twelve miles to the town of Boulder. Turn east on Wyoming Highway 353 and continue seven miles to the Scab Creek Road, just pass an Air Force research station. Turn left (north) onto this road, bear left at the fork, and continue about 10 miles to the trailhead and campground.

Trail is steep uphill switchbacks for 5 miles. This hike takes you to Mount Bonneville Basin with its mountain panorama above timberline.

10. SWEETWATER RIVER TRAILHEAD

Bridge Campground, 7 sites, and Guard Station Campground, 17 sites. 8,880 feet elevation. Access to Sweetwater Gap Trail and Little Sandy Trail.

This southernmost of the Bridger Wilderness trailheads also offers access to the Bridger Wilderness and Little Sandy Lake. Surrounding BLM land is crisscrossed with roads and trails to explore. Little Sandy Trailhead is accessible to about 3/4 mile before the Trailhead, then only by 4-wheel vehicles. No drinking water or toilet available.

70 miles south of Pinedale. Drive south on US Highway 191 for 12 miles. At the town of Boulder turn left on Wyoming Highway 353 and drive 18 miles to the end of the pavement. Shortly after the pavement ends, go strait through the junction and drive south crossing the Big Sandy River at the Buckskin Crossing Historical Marker. At next junction after the crossing, bear right and continue on main road bearing left

You can pretty much count on having a bear visitor into your camp if you do not keep it absolutely spotless of food and odor-causing items. Portable bear canisters are available for rent at the Pinedale Ranger District office and permanent ones are located at the Big Sandy Lake area. Also bring pepper spray, sun screen, insect repellent, and filter your water. Bring a sleeping-bag rated for zero or below and be aware that mountain snow storms can occur any day of the year in the high country.

2. BOULDER CREEK TRAILHEAD

Boulder Lake Campground, 20 sites. Moderate use area, 7,300 feet elevation. Access is provided to the Boulder Canyon Trail and the Blueberry Lake Trail.

Located above the inlet on the east side of Boulder Lake, this trailhead offers separate parking areas for backpackers and equestrians, corrals, and toilet facilities. No drinking water available.

25 miles southeast of Pinedale, 15 miles paved road, 10 miles gravel and bumpy dirt road. Drive south on US Highway 191 to the town of Boulder. Turn east onto Wyoming Highway 353 and drive just over two miles and turn left (north) onto the Boulder Lake road. Continue on this road for 10 miles, bearing right at the junction with the Boulder Lake dam road to the trailhead and campground area.

First 5 miles of trail is a gradual incline, then 3 miles of steep uphill trail with switchbacks. Very limited camping places for the first 8 miles due to the topography. Numerous lakes, forest and meadows on this access. Mostly below timberline. This area was burned in 1988 by a wildfire, so expect to see charred trees on this route.

3. GREEN RIVER LAKES TRAILHEAD

Green River Lakes Campground, 42 sites. High use area. 8,040 feet elevation. Access to Highline Trail, which is part of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail, the Clear Creek Trail, Roaring Fork Trail and Porcupine Creek Trail.

The northernmost of the Bridger Wilderness trailheads is located just off the northwest shore of Lower Green River Lake. The trailhead is adjacent to the Green River Lakes Campground. Two large parking areas for backpackers and equestrians, corrals, drinking water and toilet facilities.

52 miles north of Pinedale. Drive 7 miles west on US Highway 191, turn right (north) on Wyoming Highway 352 and drive north to the National Forest boundary where the pavement ends after about 30 miles. Continue north on Forest Road 600, staying on the right side of the river. After 17 miles the road terminates at the campground and trailhead. Last 26 miles are rough gravel dirt.

Used for day hikes and fishing with scenic Square Top Mountain in the background. Gentle hikes around both lakes to other destinations, and to Three Forks Park, then uphill on main trails. Highline and Lowline Trails begin here and trail the length of the Wind River Range 100 miles to the South. Clear Creek Natural Bridge and Slide Lake are accessed from this point.

4. ELKHART PARK TRAILHEAD

Trails End Campground, 8 sites. High use area. 9,100 ft elevation. This trailhead begins at 9,100 feet and the surrounding peaks climb to 13,000 feet. Be aware of the effects of altitude sickness. Access to Pole Creek Trail, Seneca Lake Trail, Sweeney Lake Trail and Pine Creek Canyon Trail.

There are two large parking areas at Trails End Campground with toilets, water and corrals. A manned Forest Service visitor center is located at the entrance to Elkhart Park.

16¹ paved miles from Pinedale along Fremont Lake Road (Skyline Drive.)

Gentle uphill hikes. Trail offers short day hikes into the Winds to beautiful vista destinations like Photographer's Point and Miller Lake as well as longer overnight trips. Two trails lead into the wilderness: Pole Creek Trail and Long Lake Trail. Pole Creek Trail is a gentle uphill hike that heads east into the Bridger Wilderness. It gets heavy hiking and stock use. Long Lake Trail is steep and downhill for the first 2 miles and then a steep uphill hike heading north into the Bridger Wilderness. Hiking use on the Long Lake Trail is moderate and stock use is low.

Be sure to sign in at the registry book at the trailhead entrance, bring pepper spray, filter your drinking water and bring sunscreen and insect repellent.

Trails in this area are within the Fremont Lake watershed. Fremont Lake is the water supply for the town of Pinedale so in order to protect the water supply special restrictions apply regarding dog use and camping distances from streams and lakes within the drainage. Parking lot for wilderness travelers and potable water for the campgrounds.

5. HALF MOON LAKE TRAILHEAD

Half Moon Lake Campground, 18 sites. Low use area. 7,600 ft elevation. No water is available at the campground.

10 miles from Pinedale on Forest Road 743, off Fremont Lake Road (Skyline Drive.) First portion of the road is paved, then good gravel to the small parking area at the end of the road.

The trail is an easy hike around the northern portion of the lake, then climbs to access other areas such as Fayette Lake and beyond. The area has opportunities for easy day hikes around the lake and longer

backpacking trips into the wilderness. Moderately difficult hike to glacial lakes with excellent fishing opportunities. The trail follows the north shore of Half Moon Lake. Beyond lies Fayette Lake to the north and Little Half Moon Lake to the south.

6. MEADOW LAKE TRAILHEAD

No campground. Low use area. 7,920 elevation. Access to Timico Lake Trail.

11 miles south of Pinedale on US Highway 19. Drive south on US Highway 191 11 miles. Just before the Boulder Cemetery road turn left (east) on the Burnt Lake Road. Continue on this rough gravel road, bearing left at the junction with the Boulder Lake Dam road. About 10 miles from the highway you will reach the National Forest Boundary. At the junction following, turn left (north), cross Fall Creek and drive to Forest Road 766A. Turn on 766A, the parking area is immediately to your left and the trail begins just down the road off to the right.

Located just off the east shore of Meadow Lake, this trailhead is more primitive and has no facilities and is not adjacent to a campground.

7. NEW FORK LAKES TRAILHEAD

New Fork Lake Campground, 15 sites, and **Narrows Campground**, 19 sites. Medium use area, 7,800 feet elevation. Access to New Fork Canyon Trail and Doubletop Mountain Trail.

There is a small parking area at the trailhead for wilderness travelers with drinking water, corrals and hitch rails.

24 miles Northwest of Pinedale, 20 miles paved, 4 miles gravel dirt. Drive 7 miles west on US Highway 191, turn right (north) on Wyoming Highway 352 and drive north 16 miles to where the New Fork Lake Road turns off to the right (east). Drive 3 miles on the New Fork Lake Road to the National Forest boundary. Continue on the main road, crossing New Fork Lakes outlet, and in 2 miles arrive at the trailhead.

Trail begins on left shore of lake near the Narrows Campground. The first 2 miles is open sagebrush, then there is about another 6 miles before climbing up steep trail out of the canyon. After you top out, it's not far to timberline.

Be sure to sign in at the trailhead register before proceeding. This is bear country with grizzly and black bears inhabiting the area. Carry pepper spray and be sure to keep a clean camp at all times.

8. SPRING CREEK PARK TRAILHEAD

No campground. Low use area. 8,440 feet elevation. Access is provided to Glimpse Lake Trail, Pine Creek Canyon Trail and Snake Lake Trail.