

Trail Name: Lewis and Clark Trail

Date Ridden: Yearly – best in May and June

Location: Wagonhammer Creek, Salmon/Challis NF

Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Salmon travel north on Hwy 93 about 19 miles to Wagonhammer Spring on the right. Go up the creek 1/8 mile to trailhead.



Trail Length: Loop (X 16 miles) or Same in/out (X 14 mi.)

Trail Condition: Lewis and Clark didn't have FS trails so some of this route is cross country through fairly gentle country. Some of the route is now on FS trails #137, #130, and #135. Condition of #137 and #130 are good. #135 may be a little confusing as it occasionally moves across a little creek.

Trail Difficulty: (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep): varies from 1 to 6

Trailer Parking (Approximately how many rigs) Ten +

Facilities at Trailhead: Forest Service toilet, hitch rails, vehicle parking, horse water 150 yards down creek at spring, human water at Wagonhammer spring along Hwy 93.

Personal Description: There is a sign at the trailhead with a map of the Lewis and Clark route. Much of the trail is marked with signs. Proceed up Wagonhammer Creek 2 miles then turn left and go up Thompson Gulch. There should be a L&C sign in the bottom of the draw pointing up Thompson Gulch. There is a large rocky face near the entrance to the gulch, that you will pass to the left of. Follow this trail approximately 1 ¼ miles to the saddle above Burns Gulch Basin. Travel across this open basin, exiting on one of two low saddles to the north. Big Silverlead creek is reached by descending to the north from either saddle. From the saddle on your route you can look across Big Silverlead to the north and see the next saddle through which you will pass. In that saddle will be a definite FS trail into the bottom of Little Silverlead Creek. Travel up this drainage approximately 1/8 mile and beyond the quaking aspen grove. At this point you have the choice of traveling up the ridge to the west and over it and down to the highway – if you have determined you want to travel only one direction on this trail. There you will come to the Trail Gulch trailhead - approximately 2 miles north of the North Fork Store on Hwy. 93. If you want to return to the Wagonhammer Trailhead by trail, travel up Little Silverlead Creek until the trail leaves the drainage on the right. At the top of the hill you will pass through a saddle then arriving at the bottom of the canyon you will be, again, in Big Silverlead Creek. Proceed down the creek, exiting by way of the old wagon road on the left, bringing you up the ridge. Near the top from there on this road you will see the first saddle. You can return by this saddle or travel the road until it passes through another saddle. You may choose to travel the basin by a new route but return to Wagonhammer Trailhead by the same saddle you came through at the head of Thompson Gulch.

Submitted By: Richard Smith **BCHI Chapter:** Salmon River

Date: 1-20-07

Trail Name: Head of Hayden Creek Loop

Date Ridden: 2005

Location: Start from horse camp on Bear Valley Creek which is a tributary to Hayden Creek in the Lemhi Range in Salmon-Challis NF



Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): Travel south from Salmon on Hwy 28 for 25 miles. Turn right on Hayden Creek Road. Travel approximately 9 miles, turn right on Bear Valley Creek (FS road 600). Proceed 5 miles to horse camp on Bear Valley Cr.

Trail Length: Loop (X) or Same in/out () 16 miles

Trail Condition: Forest Service trail portion good. Includes some cross country through sage brush but not very steep.

Trail Difficulty: (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep): 3-7

Trailer Parking (Approximately how many rigs): 10 +

Facilities at Trailhead: Toilet, barbeque pits at camp sites, tables, hitch rails and stock tie facilities, some feed bunks, stock water tank, and potable water seasonally. Bear Valley creek runs through one edge of the camp.

Personal Description: From horse camp: South on FS road 600 to Wright Cr. (FS road 452). Turn right and go to end on long flat ridge above Kadletz Creek on your left. Proceed cross country down hill to Kadletz road (FS road 162). Proceed to end of road 162 and take trail #180 to head of Hayden Creek, where you will find a very beautiful basin. Follow trail to junction with trail #116, go down and cross a water course. The trail then travels up the hill and out of the basin on the east side. This would be a good place to arrange to have lunch as the view from there is very scenic. It may be a little difficult to find the tread as it wanders through the sage brush. When you get to the top of the hill you will pick up the trail again at the edge of the timber. You will travel along a timbered ridge where the trail was once made into a primitive road. When you reach the saddle at the head of Payne Creek, skirt the head of this drainage by traveling west. Proceed through a saddle which becomes a logging road, and into Ford Creek. Now you may either follow Ford Creek back to the 600 road on Bear Valley Creek or you may travel cross country through the sage brush, skirting the timbered area between Ford Creek and Kadletz Creek, then dropping into Kadletz through the timber on cattle trails and then proceed down Kadletz Creek to the horse camp.

Submitted By: Richard Smith BCHI Chapter: Salmon River

Date: 1-20-07

Trail Name: Buck Lakes Trail #081

Date Ridden: Yearly

Location: Tributary to Bear Valley Cr. Trail #179, (a tributary to Hayden Creek) in the Lemhi range Salmon-Challis National Forest. Begin at Bear Valley Creek Horse Camp.



Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): Travel south from Salmon on Hwy 28 for 25 miles, turn right on Hayden Creek road. Travel approximately 9 miles and turn right on Bear Valley Creek road #600. Proceed 5 miles to the Horse Camp on Bear Valley Creek.

Trail Length: Loop () or Same in/out (X) 9 miles

Trail Condition: Is usually good – no steep grades or precipitous mountains to challenge your horse.

Trail Difficulty: (Rate from 1 -10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep): 2-3

Trailer Parking (Approximately how many rigs): 10+ rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: Toilet, barbeque pits at camp sites, tables, hitch rails and stock tie facilities. Some feed bunks and stock water tank. Potable water is available seasonally from hand pump. Creek runs through corner of camp.

Personal Description: Travel approximately 3 miles up Bear Valley trail to junction with the Buck Cr. Trail #081 (to the left). Proceed approximately 2 miles to the lake. Check map for proximity of nearby lakes.

Submitted By: Richard Smith **BCHI Chapter:** Salmon River

Date: 1-20-07

Trail Name: Bear Valley Creek Trail #178

Date Ridden: Yearly

Location: Tributary to Hayden Creek in Lemhi Range, Salmon-Challis NF



Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Salmon go south on Hwy 28 for 25 miles. Turn right on Hayden Creek road. Travel approximately 9 miles and turn right on Bear Valley Creek road #600. Proceed 5 miles to the horse camp on right. This is the trail head.

Trail Length: Loop (X) or Same in/out (X) 10 mile loop or 8 miles in and out

Trail Condition: Generally good. Some rocks on trail. All trails are FS system trails.

Trail Difficulty: (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult, very steep) 2-3

Trailer Parking (Approximately how many rigs) 10+

Facilities at Trailhead: Toilet, barbeque pits at camp sites, tables, hitch rails and stock tie facilities, some feed bunks, stock water tank, and potable water seasonally. Bear Valley Creek runs through one edge of the camp.

Personal Description: Take the trail from the horse camp going west to where the road ends (about a mile). Go to the right, cross the creek on a bridge, and take trail #179 to the Bear Valley lakes . You will come to a fork in the trail where you then have a choice of going to one lake by taking the left fork or two lakes by taking the right fork. If you would like another scenic route to return to camp by, take the #178 fork to the left. This will bring you out on top of the ridge for a scenic view of the valley. At the point where the timber opens out into sage brush, follow the timbered ridge on your left down to a saddle where there is a gate. Turn right. Do not go through the gate, but turn right, following the trail across the open hillside, through the spring. Follow this trail through the timber and down along an open ridge to another saddle where there will be a sign. At this point drop right down the hill into the Bear Valley drainage to the trail you came in on and ride back to the horse camp.

Submitted By: Richard Smith **BCHI Chapter:** Salmon River

Date: 1-20-07

Trail Name: Wagonhammer Creek Loop

Date Ridden: Yearly. Best in May and June

Location: Wagonhammer Trail Head on Wagonhammer Creek on Salmon-Challis National Forest



Directions to Trailhead (from nearest town): From Salmon travel north on Highway 93 19 miles to Wagonhammer Springs on right side of highway. Go up Wagonhammer Creek road 1/8 mile to trail head.

Trail Length: Loop (X) or Same in/out () 16 miles

Trail Condition: Mostly good with some fair. Travel through riparian areas. Has some rocks to negotiate. Spring is beautiful with hills covered with wild flowers and deciduous trees bursting into leaf.

Trail Difficulty: (Rate from 1 to 10; 1 being easy & flat, 10 being very difficult): 1-5

Trailer Parking (Approximately how many rigs): 10+ rigs

Facilities at Trailhead: Forest Service toilet, hitch rails, vehicle parking, horse water at spring 150 yards down road from trailhead. Human water at Wagonhammer Spring on Hwy. 93.

Personal Description: Travel trail #137 from the trailhead up Wagonhammer Creek through riparian habitat surrounded by open slopes with bunch grass and widely scattered Yellowpine. As the trail continues up country there is a significant change in habitat types that transition to Douglas Fir which is much more lush and moist. Trail leaves creek about 1 mile above the old sawmill site. The sawmill site is in a meadow at forks of the creek with several old cabins. This is about 5 miles from the trailhead. Turn left up a draw where there is a small tree with the lower branches chopped out. When a old logging road is reached (about a half mile) turn left and travel through a pass through a saddle into the Big Silverlead drainage. Travel past where the water goes under the road in a culvert. Go a little farther on the road to the next branch of the creek and watch for the horse trail #136 (not signed) leaving the road on the left. Travel down Big Silverlead past another old sawmill site in another open meadow. Further down take the old wagon road out of the bottom on the left up to the saddle between Big Silverlead and Burns Basin. Travel cross country in the Basin, south, to the pass where the gate is in the fence on the old Lewis and Clark Trail. Travel down that trail and down Thompson Gulch back to the Wagonhammer trailhead.

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