

PATHFINDER HIKE PROGRAM

SNOW MOUNTAIN

Snow Mountain - East Peak

Upper Lake, CA

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Trail Length: 8.6 miles

Average Elevation: 6,143'

Elevation Change: 1,789'



Overview

Beginning at the Summit Springs Trailhead, this is the most popular trail in the Snow Mountain Wilderness Area. Some of the best high country scenery can be viewed from this trail. The route passes through several vegetative types, high meadows and to the top of East Peak, Snow Mountain's highest point.

How To Get There

From Upper Lake/Hwy 20: Turn North on Mendenhall Road (Treasure Cove Pizza/corner of Hwy 20 & Mendenhall Road). Proceed on Mendenhall Road to Upper Lake Ranger Station (approximately 1 mile). Turn left on Road M-1 (Elk Mountain Road). Proceed approximately 15 miles to the Snow Mountain turnoff (Road M-10 - Dirt). Proceed approximately 14 miles to Summit Springs Trailhead Road and approximately 2 more miles to the Trailhead. Allow approximately 90 minutes travel time from Upper Lake to the Trailhead.

Note: Approximately 7 miles out M-10, you must ford Bear Creek. For this reason, it is recommended only to attempt this hike from May 1st - November 1st. A four-wheel drive vehicle is also recommended. Contact Upper Lake Ranger District Office at (707) 275-2361 for road conditions.

[Google Maps Driving Directions](#)

The Hike

Begin at the Summit Springs Trailhead and follow the trail up to East Peak, Snow Mountain's highest point. A register is available at the summit to record your name and comments (and read about others before you). Before starting down the mountain, cross the saddle to the West Peak for more spectacular views.

