

Franklin Basin

TRAIL HEAD: The turnoff is 21.9 miles from the Ranger Station (at milepost 484.0) and is the first left-hand road past the Red Banks campground. This region consists of both private land and State land administered by the Utah Department of Lands. It is a popular, year-around sports area. It has parking and rest rooms. The GPS coordinates of this parking area are N41°55.830' W111°33.902'. There are a number of informal campsites appropriate to horse camping along the Franklin Basin road. The Bridger Back Country Horsemen are working with the Forest Service to install a horse facility near here. Water, rest rooms and non-horse camping are available at Red Banks campground, about 3.5 miles to the south.

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS: Tony Grove Creek, UT-ID; Naomi Peak, UT-ID; Egan Basin, ID; Mapleton, ID.

ROUTE:

Steam Mill Lake (also known as Dike Lake): Follow USFS 139 west after you cross the Logan River. It is about five miles to the lake. You will find the shell of an old steam boiler by the stream which is the remains of a lumber operation during the 1890s. There is a cross over trail to White Pine Creek south from this boiler. About 300 yards east of Steam Mill Lake on the north side of the trail in a dense wooded area you might be able to locate a tree which has grown through and lifted a 25-ton rock.

White Pine Lake: This trail (USFS 051) departs to the south from USFS 139 as you break out of the trees after crossing a small spring fed creek. You need to be alert to where the trail crosses White Pine Creek as the trail to the lake is south of this creek. There is quite an area to explore north of Mount Gog where the trail rises to the ridge tops of the Bear River Range. There is fair fishing for brook trout in White Pine Lake.

Gibson Lake: Ride across the foothills parallel to USFS 900/406 until to reach USFS 450. Follow it west to the Gibson Lakes. This was also known as Boy Scout Camp Wilderness.

Miscellaneous: Boss Canyon (USFS 114), and White Canyon (USFS 303) lead to relatively untouched areas. Follow Corral Hollow east and join the High Line Trail north through Egan Basin, past Danish Pass on northward.

TRAIL FEATURES: Sections of all trails are steep and rocky. There is plenty of horse water available.