



## STEIN BUTTE TRAIL, #929

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**User Groups:** Hikers, Mtn. Bikes  
Horses and Motorcycles

**Difficulty:** Moderate - Hikers, Horses  
Difficult - Mtn. Bikes, Motorcycles

**Length:** 4.9 miles

**Season:** All Year

**Level of Use:** Light

**Elevation:** 2069 to 4400 feet

**Connecting:** Elliot Ridge Trail

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**Description:** Named for one of the many prospectors who mined in this vicinity during the early gold rush years of the 1850's and 1860's, the Stein Butte Trail features areas of historical as well as scenic interests. Panoramic views of Applegate Lake and the rugged Siskiyou Mountains may be seen along the ridge. Evidence of hydraulic, surface and lode mining activity, dating from the turn of the century, is present along the trail. There is no water on this route.

Beginning at Seattle Bar, the trail passes underneath the Applegate Road bridge, and crosses Manzanita Creek road (1041). Leaving the road, the trail climbs steadily through a mixed conifer forest at a moderate grade for 2.5 miles to Elliott Ridge. Views from the ridge display the dramatic differences between dark green forests of north slopes, while pale green and brown tones of predominantly brush and grass are seen on the south facing slopes. The trail continues along the ridge to a crest just below Stein Butte. A short side trail to the top of Stein Butte offers excellent vistas of the Red Buttes and much of the Siskiyou Crest.

A loop can be made by leaving the ridgeline at the trail junction approximately 0.3 miles east of the side trail at the top of Stein Butte. At this trail junction follow the 2.6 mile long New London Trail #928 down the relatively steep grade to Elliott Creek road (Forest Service road 1050). Turn right at the trailhead and follow the road back to Seattle Bar.

**Access #1 (Seattle Bar):** From Star Ranger Station, drive south 13 miles on Upper Applegate road to the junction with Carberry Creek road. Turn left and continue one mile to the Seattle Bar trailhead.

**Access #2 (Elliott Creek Rd):** Continue past Seattle Bar picnic area 0.5 mile to the junction with Forest road #1050. Stay left and drive 3 miles to the New London trailhead. Off road parking is available in a turnout area.