

TOM AND JERRY TRAIL #1084 & MUDJEKEEWIS TRAIL

User Groups: Hikers and Horses

Difficulty: Moderate

Length: 5 miles

Level of Use: Light to Moderate

Season: June through Oct.

Elevation: 5000 to 5500 feet

Connecting: Mudjekeewis Trail

Description: The Tom and Jerry Trail provides access to the northern end of the Sky Lakes Wilderness. This area receives less use than the lake basins, and can provide solitude for those wishing to spend some time alone. McKie Shelter is an old trail camp location. The shelter was built between 1934 and 1936, and was named after a shepherd, Tom McKie. Numerous meadows, small streams, and rock formations in the McKie vicinity make this an interesting area to explore. The Mudjekeewis Trail provides spectacular views of the Middle Fork Canyon, which is over 3,000 feet deep. Both of these trails can be very rocky in places. Horse feed is plentiful.

Water is available along the first 1.5 mile, and then the trail is dry until you reach McKie Shelter. There is no water available on the Mudjekeewis Trail.

ACCESS #1: From Butte Falls, travel one mile east out of town until you reach the Prospect-Butte Falls Highway (#992). Travel northeast for approximately 25 miles until you come to Forest Service Road #37. Turn east and continue traveling for 3 miles until you reach road #3795 (please watch for log trucks!). Follow road #3795 for 4 miles to road #600. Turn east and go ½ mile to the trailhead. Parking is limited (two or three vehicles) and there is no room to turn around with a trailer. Horse trailers should consider unloading at Bessie's Shelter ½ mile back on road #600.

ACCESS #2: From Prospect, take the Prospect-Butte Falls Highway (#992) towards Butte Falls for approximately 2 miles to Forest Service Road #37. Turn east and follow the directions