

VARNEY CREEK TRAIL #3718

Directions to Trailhead

This trail can be accessed by taking Hwy 140 to MP 48 in the Odessa area. Turn on USFS Road #3637 and travel 1.8 miles to USFS Road #3664. Turn left on #3637 and continue 2 miles to the trailhead at the end of the road. This trailhead offers a large turn-around and ample parking space.

Length of Ride

Varney Creek Trail is 4.4 miles in length but then connects to the Mountain Lakes Loop Trail. You may ride as far as you like. This trail has moderate use from June to October.

Basic Description of the Trail

From the trailhead at an elevation of 5600' this trail gently contours up the steep, flower-splashed slopes of the Varney Creek drainage entering the Mountain Lakes Wilderness area. As the path gains elevation, it twists through thick groves of lodgepole pine and across small streams before climbing the edge of a large rock scree ridge. From this point, about .4 miles from the trail's end, the view of the Upper Klamath Lake to the east is as spectacular as the vista of the wilderness peaks to the north and west.