



DA-KU-BE-TE-DE TRAIL

User Groups: Hikers, Mtn. Bikes and Horses
Difficulty: Moderate - Mtn. Bikes and Horses
Length: 4.8 miles

Season: All year (horses Nov. to April)
Level of Use: High
Elevation: 2000 feet
Connecting: [Collings Mtn. Trail](#),
[Grouse Loop Trail](#)

Description: Anthropologists for a time spelled it Ta'khoo-pee-te-di, or pronounced Daw-Kew-Bee-Tee-Dee. Named for a small band of Indians who inhabited the Applegate Valley, the Da-Ku-Be-Te-De Trail is a beautiful, easy day hike that traverses the western shore of Applegate Lake.

Attractions and Considerations: Beginning at Swayne Viewpoint, the trail passes the Hart-tish boat ramp in 1/2 mile. Proceed through the parking lot and rejoin the trail on a paved walkway along the lake, passing an interpretive viewpoint. The paved trail ends at the lawn area above the swimming area, and resumes directly across the lawn where the pavement is replaced by gravel surfacing. The trail follows the lakeshore crossing Copper Boat Ramp, and continues along the high water line before Watkins Campground. Just prior to the campground the trail passes over a footbridge and intersects 1/4 mile loop trail that circles the campground. Take the trail to the right to reach the parking area.

Multi-Use Info: From Hart-tish to Watkins this trail is open to stock from November through April to provide a rare winter horseback riding opportunity. Near Hart-tish a short connector trail to the Collings Mtn. Trail is available that by-passes Hart-tish where stock is prohibited. It is important that hikers and mountain bikers use caution during the winter months when horses are using the trail. Identify yourself when approaching stock and move to the downhill side of the trail. This will let stock know you are there and show that you are not a threat. To avoid damaging the trail in winter, use only when the trail is dry or frozen. Poison oak, ticks, and snakes are hazards to be aware of.

Access (Watkins Campground)- Travel south from Jacksonville on Highway 238 to Ruch and turn left on to Upper Applegate Road. Continue south on Upper Applegate Road for 19 miles to the campground. Watkins campground is located 3 miles south of Hart-tish Park. This is the best staging area for horses.