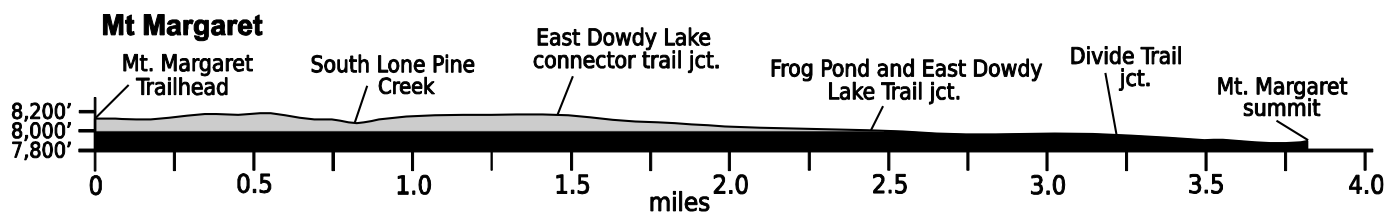


Feb. 18, 2021

Public Trail Information: Mt. Margaret

Trail(s): Mount Margaret #979 (#167); Divide #979-1	
Ratings / restrictions:	Hikers – Easy Stock riders – Easy Bicycles allowed See complete REGULATIONS below DESCRIPTION
Cautions:	Bicycles may be on trail Cattle may graze in this area
Typically accessible:	Year-round (see SEASONAL below)
Wilderness:	None
One-Way Length:	3.8 miles (trailhead to Mt. Margaret summit) [+ 0.6 mi for Divide] Trail
Beginning/Peak Elevations:	8,097 / 8,208
Gain/Loss/Net Gain:	598 / 776 / -178
Map(s) - Trails Illustrated:	#111 Red Feather Lakes Glendevey
Map(s) - USGS 7-½' Quadrangles:	Red Feather Lakes



TRAILHEAD LOCATION:

Red Feather Lakes Area: From Ted’s Place, follow US-287 north for 10.5 miles to “The Forks” at Livermore. Turn left onto the Red Feather Lakes Road (CR-74E). At mm 20.8 you will see the Mt. Margaret Trailhead and parking area on the north (right) side of the road.

Toilets and stock trailer parking with good pull-throughs available at trailhead. No water at trailhead.

TRAIL: Most of this trail is on an old roadbed where the path is wide, well-worn, and easy to follow, unless there is snow.

WATER: Limited - Water can be obtained from South Lone Pine Creek. Water for stock can also usually be obtained from the pond near USFS established campsites #6 & #7, near the junction with the Divide Trail. Otherwise, the trail is dry.

CAMPING: Camp in any of the 7 USFS established campsites along this trail; they are seldom used. (Campsites #1 & #2 are off trail to the north of the trailhead and east of the bridged crossing of North Lone Pine Creek; see the map below for campsite locations). Each campsite has a bench and an enclosed metal fire pit with grill.

SEASONAL: The trail is accessible in the winter. The parking lot is not plowed but often accessible. If there is snow, be sure you can get up the slope again if you enter the parking lot. You may also park just off the road if the plows have been through. With little elevation change, the trail is good for skiing or snowshoeing, conditions permitting. However, the route of this trail can be difficult to follow if there is much snow on the ground.

Cattle range in this area during spring and summer.

DESCRIPTION: The Mt. Margaret Trail offers an easy and scenic trip along old roadbeds through meadows, granite outcroppings, and ponderosa pine forest.

From the trailhead, the trail goes to the west then northwest through an open ponderosa forest before dropping downhill and crossing South Lone Pine Creek via a wooden bridge (for hikers) or a hardened stream ford (for stock and bicyclists) about 0.8 mile from the trailhead. From here the trail meanders first to the north-northwest and then to the northeast.

About 1.4 miles from the trailhead, the trail reaches a fence line with both a vehicle and a pedestrian gate. The trail passes through the gate at this point. After going downhill and through some meadows, you will see campsites #3 and #4 on the east (right) side of the trail. About 2.4 miles from the trailhead, you will see campsite #5 on the east (right) side of the trail and then encounter a 3-trail junction with the western portion of the Frog Pond Trail and the East Dowdy Lake Trail (on the west) and the eastern portion of the Frog Pond Trail on the east (right) side. The Mt. Margaret Trail continues past a junction with the Columbine Trail on the west (left). About 0.4 mile further, the Mt. Margaret Trail intersects with the East Loop Trail (#973-1), just south of a small “pond”/wet area surrounded by a log fence. Established campsite #6 is located northwest of the trail, just southwest of the small “pond”/wet area with the cattle fencing.

From this point, the Mt. Margaret Trail goes northeast for 0.1 mile to a junction with the Divide Trail (#979-

1) directly east of the small pond. The Mt. Margaret Trail continues north, reaching a sign indicating established campsite #7, which is located due north of the small “pond”/wet area. The trail continues north to a junction with the North Loop Trail (#976-1) on the west (left). From this point, the Mt. Margaret Trail continues to the north for about 0.5 mile. The patrol ends at an “End of Trail” sign, where this trail/old road turns sharply to the east and begins to descend steeply downhill. If you want, you can hike cross country about 100 yards to the NE and scramble up the rocky outcropping to the summit of

Mt. Margaret. You will be rewarded with a great view of the North Lone Pine Valley to the east-southeast.

If you have the time and energy, you may also hike the Divide Trail for 0.6 mile to its end at the base of a rock outcropping that offers another great view of the valley carved by North Lone Pine Creek.

The Mt. Margaret Trail can be hot and dry in the summer months, so carry plenty of water. Note that the GPS coordinates for USFS established campsites refer to the locations of the campsites themselves, not the locations of the junctions of the Mt. Margaret Trail with the spur trails leading to the campsites.

All mileages shown are approximate.

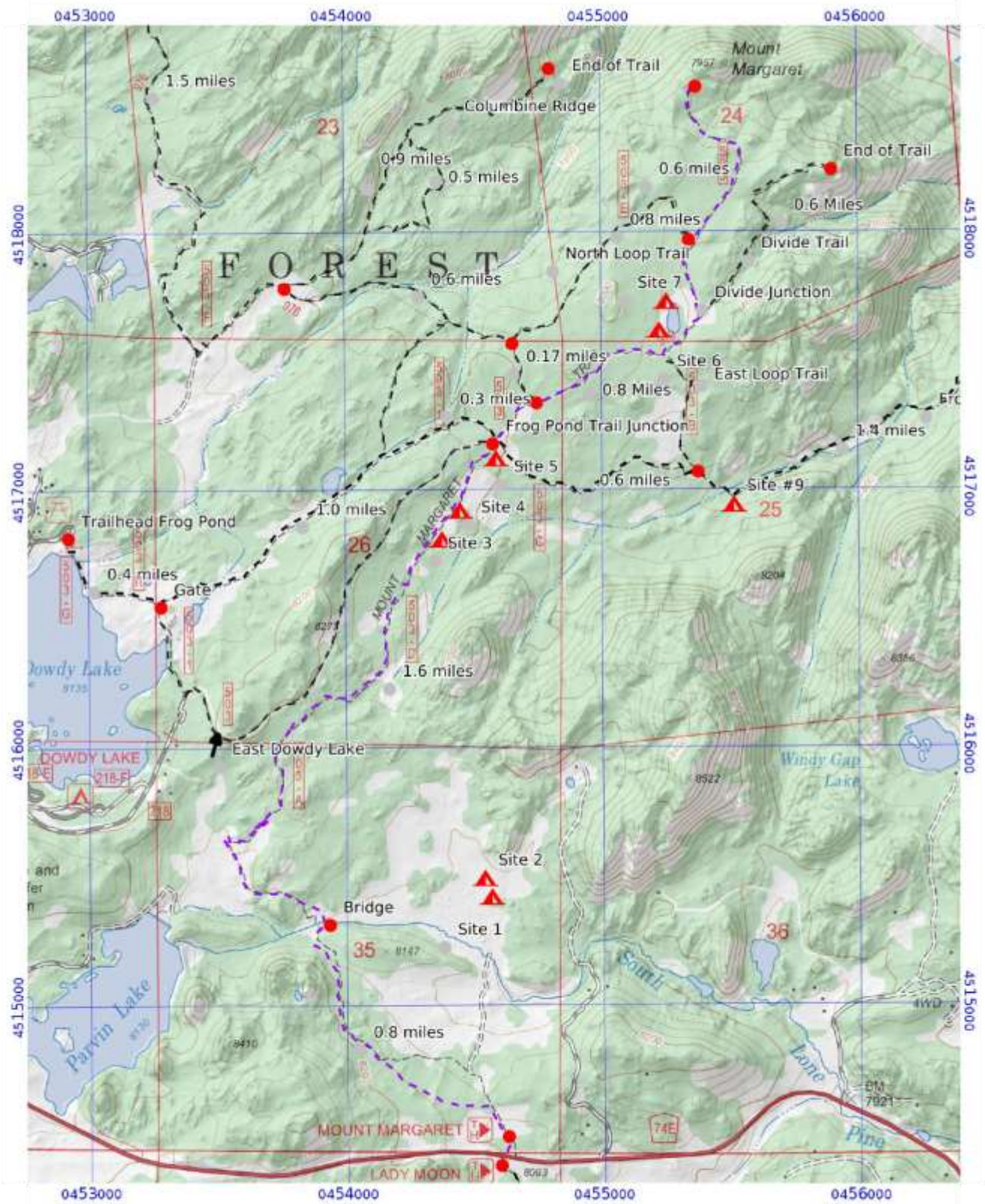
REGULATIONS:

- Camping and Fires - Prohibited within 200 feet of trailhead. Recommend at least 100 feet from water and trail. Please use designated sites provided when possible.
- Dogs - Must be under voice control at all times.
- Stock - To avoid spreading noxious weeds, recommend beginning 72 hours prior to the ride, stock should be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay. Required: throughout the trip, stock *must* be fed only pellets or certified weed-free hay.
- Bicycles and Other Wheeled Conveyances - Allowed.
- Motorized Transport - Prohibited.
- Group Size - A single group of more than 74 people must have a USFS permit.

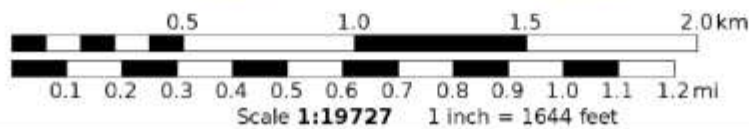
Mileage	GPS Coordinates: datum = WGS84	Lat/Long	UTM
0	Mt. Margaret Trailhead (on Red Feather Lakes Road; CR-74E)	N40°46.82' W105°32.27'	454617mE 4514511mN
0.8	hiker bridge across South Lone Pine Creek bridge	N40°47.26' W105°32.77'	453919mE 4515329mN
0.8	hardened stock ford over South Lone Pine Creek	N40°47.25' W105°32.81'	453862mE 4515311mN
1.4	junction with East Dowdy Lake connector trail	N40°47.66' W105°32.87'	453783mE 4516070mN
	junction with East Dowdy Trail	N40°48.26' W105°32.29'	454605mE 4517175mN
	fence line w/ pedestrian/stock and vehicle gate	N40°47.63' W105°32.90'	453740mE 4516015mN
2.4	junction with Frog Pond & East Dowdy Lake trails	N40°48.28' W105°32.31'	454577mE 4517213mN
2.5	junction with Columbine Trail	N40°48.35' W105°32.20'	454733mE 4517341mN
	junction with East Loop Trail	N40°48.45' W105°31.83'	455254mE 4517523mN
3.2	junction with Divide Trail	N40°48.52' W105°31.74'	455381mE 4517652mN
3.8	end of Divide Trail	N40°48.84' W105°31.36'	455877mE 4518241mN
	junction with North Loop Trail	N40°48.68' W105°31.76'	455355mE 4517948mN

3.8	end of Mt. Margaret Trail	N40°49.01' W105°31.73'	455401mE	4518558mN
	USFS established campsite #1	N40°47.31' W105°32.31'	454566mE	4515418mN
	USFS established campsite #2	N40°47.34' W105°32.33'	454538mE	4515474mN
	USFS established campsite #3	N40°48.03' W105°32.49'	454321mE	4516752mN
	USFS established campsite #4	N40°48.11' W105°32.40'	454449mE	4516899mN
	USFS established campsite #5	N40°48.23' W105°32.30'	454591mE	4517120mN
	USFS established campsite #6	N40°48.49' W105°31.84'	455252mE	4519466mN
	USFS established campsite #7	N40°48.59' W105°31.79'	455312mE	4517800mN

(See next page for map of trail.)



Mercator Projection
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