

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

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Recommended SeasonSummer Fall

Flower Creek Trail # 137 6.0 miles

ACCESS: From Libby, travel south on Highway 2 and turn right onto the Shaughnessy "Golf Course" Hill road. Turn left at the 3-way intersection at the top of the hill and follow Snowshoe road for .5 mile. Take Flower Creek Road 128 for approximately 6 miles to the trailhead where there is ample parking.

FACILITIES: Trailhead and stock ramp. This trailhead also provides access to Hanging Valley #135, Flower Creek Trail #137, Indianhead Trail #14, Parmenter Tie #15, Flower Lake and Flower Point trailheads. Parmenter Tie #15 joins Parmenter Creek #140 for a 15-16 mile loop opportunity.

SETTING: The first 2 miles are on closed to moderately open forested south slopes above Flower Creek and transitions to closed forest until the last ¼ mile below Sky Lake. Lots of dead trees so expect some downfall.

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, backpacking, fishing, viewing scenery, horseback riding, hunting, snowshoeing and ski touring.

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS:

The trail provides access to the Cabinet Mountain Wilderness, the head end of Flower Creek and Lower Sky Lake. There are fish in Lower Sky Lake.

TRAIL INFORMATION: This is a fairly gentle grade trail until the last mile which gains almost 1000 feet of elevation. This portion of the trail is primitive, so expect

rock, roots and a narrow corridor. The last mile to Lower Sky Lake is not suitable for stock. This is grizzly bear country so take your bear spray.

ELEVATION: Beginning at 3700' at the Trailhead on the Flower Creek Road and ending at Lower Sky Lake at 6200'.

USE: Heavy

DIFFCULTY: Moderate

MAINTENANCE: Yearly—Current Status - www.fs.usda.gov/activity/kootenai/recreation/hiking

MAPS: Forest Map, District Travel Map

CLOSURES: All motorized use. Stock not allowed within 200' of Lakes



Lower Sky Lake

Flower Cr. #137, Parmenter Cr. #140 and N. Fork Parmenter #139, Hanging Valley #135

