

## **TRAIL DESCRIPTION**

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST For more trail information contact: Libby Ranger District 406-293-7773

# Historic Highway 2 Interpretative Trail 2.3 Miles



ACCESS: From Libby, Head west on Highway 2 for about 11 miles to a small trailhead parking area on the left. The trailhead is between the 22 and 21 mile marker and if you get to the Kootenai Falls Parking lot, you have gone too far. This trail can also be accessed from MT Highway 56 via the Shannon Lake Road.

FACILITIES: None

**SETTING**: This trail is the narrow road bed from a section of the original Highway 2 between Libby and Troy. The majority of the trail passes through a closed environment of trees, mosses and numerous springs. In the open areas, the trail offers scenic views of the Kootenai River.

**OPPORTUNITIES**: Hiking, viewing scenery, horseback riding, snowshoeing and X-country Skiing.

#### **ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS:**

This is an excellent family hike and educational experience. There are several signs along the trail providing historic information as well as information about flora and geology. This elevated trail provides scenic vistas of the Kootenai River and much of Kootenai Falls is visible from the trail. **TRAIL INFORMATION**: The trail is the historic road bed of Old Highway 2 and offers easy grades and a good trail base. It is an easy hike or bike on an old dirt road that is overgrown but by easily traveled.

**ELEVATION**: Beginning at 2100' along Highway 2 ending at 2400' at the Shannon Lake Road junction.

USE: High

**DIFFCULTY:** Easy

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

MAPS: Forest Map, District Travel Map

CLOSURES: All motorized use



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