



TRAIL DESCRIPTION

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Recommended Season
Summer Fall

Wayup Mine # 815 1.4 Miles

ACCESS: From Libby, travel south on US Highway 2 for about 25 miles to West Fisher River Road # 231, just before mile marker 57. Turn right and drive about 6 miles to the Lake Creek Campground. Turn right onto Road 6746 and follow for 2.5 miles to where the road switches back to the east, and then turn right (west) down a fairly steep, older road, which will cross the West Fisher River in about 2.5 miles and take you another 1.5 miles to the trailhead. Park at the clearing just below the gate.

FACILITIES: None. Stock users should park on the Road 4746 where the improved section of this road stops. There is a gate that is not closed and a large turn around area. There are no turn arounds beyond this point.

SETTING: Diverse setting from closed forest canopy along the access road to, open alpine habitat at the mine.

OPPORTUNITIES: Hiking, viewing scenery, horseback riding and hunting.

ATTRACTIONS & CONSIDERATIONS: The Wayup Mine was developed in the early 1900's, operated intermittently during the 1930s and 1940s, and has limited activity since that time. Trail ends at an old tailings pile and an adit (mine shaft). **STAY OUT** of the mine shaft, it is extremely **DANGEROUS!**

This trail provides an excellent day hike, mountain bike, and horseback riding opportunity, and offers spectacular views of the upper West Fisher Basin and portions of the South Cabinet Mountains. Mountain goats, moose, mule deer, grizzly and black bear sightings are common. The Cabinet Mountain Wilderness boundary is just west of the Wayup Mine.

TRAIL INFORMATION: The last 3.2 miles of road accessing this trail are not maintained and the road is impassable to all but four-wheel drive vehicles. The trail is an old mine access road and is fairly steep and rocky. Crossing the West Fisher with a vehicle or ATV can be difficult depending on spring runoff and yearly channel changes. If you can't cross the West Fisher River, it adds an additional 1 ¾ miles and horse users will add another 3.2 miles to their trip. This is great bear habitat, so take your bear spray.

ELEVATION: Beginning at 4400 near the end of West Fisher Creek Road 6746 and ending at 5800' at the old Wayup Mine

USE: Moderate

DIFFCULTY: Moderate

MAINTENANCE: Periodically

For Current Status -

www.fs.usda.gov/activity/kootenai/recreation/hiking

MAPS: Forest Map, District Travel Map

CLOSURES: Motorized use is allowed to the trailhead, but not beyond the gate.



Glacial Cirque Headwaters of the West Fisher River-

Howard Lake #823, Libby Cr. 119, Standard Cr. #116, Gloria Mine #301, Wayup Mine #815

