



Cascade Canal Trail

This popular trail offers an almost level walk along a peaceful canal through a forest with many Douglas firs and dogwoods. There are several places along the route where views open up briefly to more distant scenery.

Getting there:

Gracie Road Trailhead: Take either Gracie Road or Banner Lava Cap Road easterly from Nevada City. The parking area is on Gracie Road about 700 feet downhill from the intersection.

Red Dog Road Trailhead: From Nevada City take Boulder Street for about 2 miles and see Pasquale Road on the left. Note your mileage and continue 0.3 mile farther. You will see the canal and a gate on the right with a "Public Parking Prohibited" sign. There is parking on the right shoulder immediately uphill from the gate. The trailhead is at the gate.

Distance: 4.5 miles one way. 6.7 miles with Orene Wetherall Trail out and back.

Elevation Change: Nearly level. 90 feet over 4.5 miles. 560 feet of total change with Orene Wetherall Trail.

Uses: Foot and bike only. Bikers beware of several gates along canal. No motorized vehicles. Dogs on leash.