Hirschman Trail

Only a mile from the heart of downtown Nevada City, is a great new trail system that quickly gets you out of town into nature. The centerpiece is lovely Hirschman’s Pond, named after the Hirschman brothers who were pioneer miners and merchants of the area. Also, the system utilizes some natural features in the terrain, such as a spur trail along Woods Ravine. The trail was newly built to modern trail standards in 2010. The eastern 0.4 mile was completed to American Disabilities Act standards in 2011 and showcases a bridge built in the style of mining-era trestles that were used to transport water.

Getting there:

Take Highway 49 west towards Downieville.

Access from:

A  Turn right onto Cement Hill Road, then turn left onto 115 Cement Hill Road. Parking to your left.

B  Continue onto Highway 49 for approximately 2.4 miles. Across the street from the Willo restaurant, turn right onto Indian Flat Road. Trailhead is at the southwest corner of the first intersection with Indian Flat Road. Park along the road shoulder.

C  Follow the directions of B), but make a right onto Indian Flat Road and drive for 0.6 mile. Trailhead is to your right. Park along road shoulder.

Distance: 2.4 mile one way from Cement Hill Road to Indian Flat Road. Woods Ravine Trail is 0.2 mile one way.

Elevation change: 150 feet.

Uses: Foot and bike only. No motorized vehicles. Dogs on leash.