Kenny Ranch is a large property west of Grass Valley that features volcanic soils endowed with springtime wildflowers, and a forested hillside that drops down toward the cool air of Deer Creek. There are two good trails here; Wildflower Ridge Trail along the ridge and Rough & Ready Ditch Trail running along the hillside about 0.25 mile below the ridge. The two are connected by separate access routes, making a loop possible as well as various “out and back” combinations.

Getting there:

From the top of Mill Street in downtown Grass Valley go 1.4 miles west out of town on West Main Street (becomes Rough & Ready Highway) to the intersection of Rough & Ready Highway and Ridge Road. A to Z Supply is about 0.3 mile to the right (east) on Ridge Road from this intersection. Twin Cities Church is about 0.2 mile farther left (west) on Rough & Ready Highway from this intersection.

Distance:

Wildflower Ridge Trail: 0.9 mile. | Rough & Ready Ditch Trail: 1.0 mile.

Full loop using both trails and connecting links: 2.6 miles.

Elevation change:

Wildflower Ridge Trail: 114 feet.
Rough & Ready Ditch Trail: Nearly level - 36 feet.

Uses: