Osborne Hill Trail Area

The Osborne Hill Trail Area makes up the southern arm of Empire Mine State Historic Park. The trail system has many loops, making for boundless riding or hiking options through deep woods and open areas.

Getting there:

**Penn Gate Trailhead:** From Highway 49 in Grass Valley go 1/2 mile east on Empire Street and enter the parking area on your right. There is a supplemental parking area for horse trailers behind this lot. To reach the Osborne Hill trails, follow the Hardrock Trail from Penn Gate about a mile to either the Osborne Loop Crosscut Trail or the Osborne Loop Trail, both of which will be on your right.

**Visitor Center Trailhead:** From Highway 49 in Grass Valley go east on Empire Street 1.25 miles to the main visitor parking lot at Empire Mine State Historic Park. At the far end of the main parking lot (to your left as you face the mine yard) you will find a metal gate and exhibit that form the trailhead for the Hardrock Trail. To reach the Osborne Hill trails, follow the Hardrock Trail about 0.4 mile. Just after you cross Little Wolf Creek take the Osborne Loop Trail uphill.

**Distance:** Depends on route taken. Total 4 miles of trail in the Osborne Hill Trail Area.

**Elevation Change:** Depends on route taken. About 290’ maximum change.

**Uses:** Picnic, hiking, horseback riding, cycling.