



Black Swan Trail

Completed in the summer of 2014, the trail is located in far Western Nevada County on BYLT's Black Swan Preserve near the town of Smartsville. Built by BYLT's trail team and volunteers, the community-supported trail weaves through blue oak and gray pine woodlands. On a hydraulic cliff escarpment, hikers will catch spectacular views of the Black Swan Pond. At the pond look for waterfowl such as the American Dipper and Belted Kingfisher, otters, Western pond turtles and other aquatic life.

Getting there:

- From the intersection of Highway 49 and Highway 20 in Grass Valley, drive 13 miles toward Smartsville, turn right onto Mooney Flat Road. Drive approximately ¼ mile. Turn left into the small, unmarked parking area. The trailhead is located on the left side of the dirt road (before the gate). Head down the two track ranch road toward the gate and you will find the trail leaving the parking lot on your left.
- From the Yuba City/ Marysville area, head East on Highway 20. Soon after you enter Nevada County, turn left onto Mooney Flat Road. Drive approximately ¼ mile. Turn left into the small, unmarked parking area. The trailhead is located on the left side of the dirt road (before the gate). Head down the two track ranch road toward the gate and you will find the trail leaving the parking lot on your left.

Distance: 2 mile loop.
Elevation Change: About 200' maximum change.
Uses: Foot and bike only. Dogs on leash. No motorized vehicles.