Yuba Rim Trail

Opened officially to the public in 2015, the newest Bear Yuba Land Trust trail offers views of snow-capped peaks, views of the confluence of the Middle Yuba River and North Yuba River, and a moderately challenging hike.

Getting there:

From Nevada City, take Highway 49 towards Camptonville. Turn left onto Marysville Road and cross over Bullards Bar Dam. Rice’s Crossing Preserve is located 1.3 miles from the dam. Look for the sign. Park in the rock quarry on the right and cross the road to the North Meadow where you will find the trailhead.

Distance: 4.5 roundtrip. This is an out and back trail.
Elevation Change: About 400' maximum change.
Uses: Foot, bike, and equestrian only. Dogs on leash. No motorized vehicles.

Walking the trail is a chance to interact with nature. Native plant species like Red bud, Tan oak, Honeysuckle, Madrone, Ceanothus, Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine and dogwood line the trail’s edge.

This pristine and rugged ecosystem, home to rattlesnakes, mountain lion, and bear will be protected as open space forever. Once along the ridge, look for views of the rock quarry used to build Bullards Bar Dam in the 1960s and, to the northeast, identify natural landmarks with names such as “Saddle Back” and “Fir Cap.”