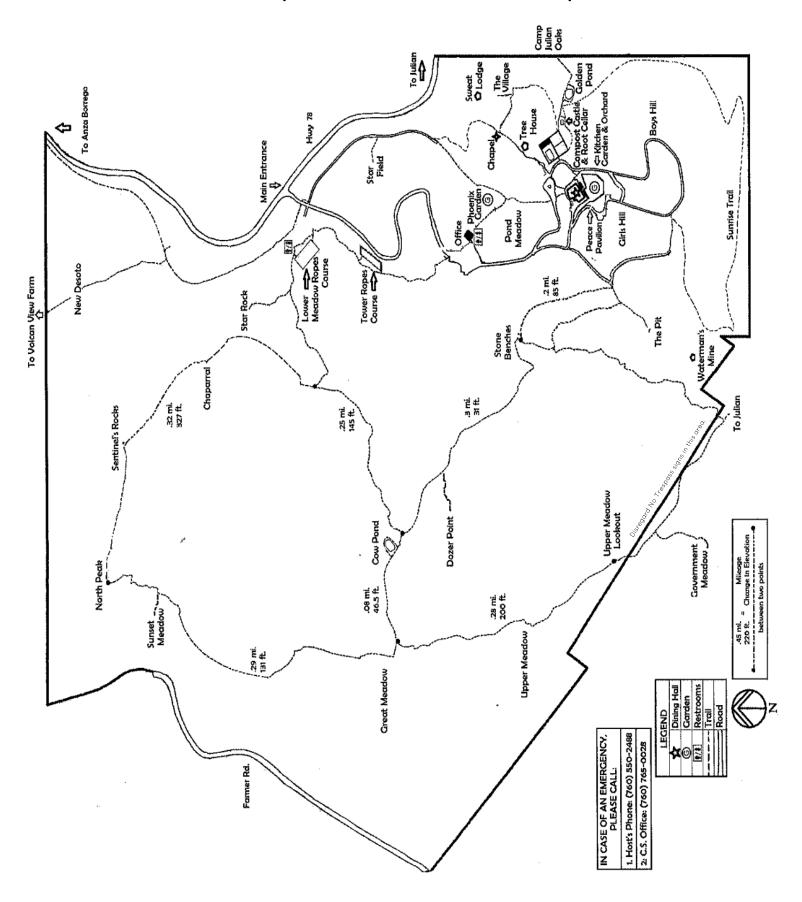
Camp Stevens Trail Map



Camp Stevens Trail Guide

DESTINATION ROUND TRIP ELEVATION GAIN TIME DIFFICULTY

Stone Benches 0.4 miles 85 feet 20 minutes Moderate / Adventurous

A short uphill trail to Stone Benches rewards with beautiful views of Granite Mt. to the East and Volcan Mt. to the North. A great place for sunrises and quiet contemplation. **Directions:** Head West from the Dining Hall along the upper road to the sharp bend, then take the dirt road up to the marked trailhead. Follow the trail a short distance to the benches.

DESTINATION ROUND TRIP ELEVATION GAIN TIME DIFFICULTY

Upper Meadow Lookout

1.28 miles
307 feet
1 hour
Moderate / Adventurous
From this vantage point the coast is sometimes visible to the West. Beautiful views during sunset and sunrise. Make sure to bring a jacket if it's cool as this lookout can often be windy. Directions: Follow the directions to Stone Benches, then continue on up along a sometimes steep trail through woods damaged by the 2007 Angel Fire. You'll reach a [T] in the trail with a Do Not Trespass sign – don't worry, we're allowed! Follow the trail to

the right until you reach a [Y] - keep to the right again and through the fence back on to Camp Steven's property.

DESTINATION ROUND TRIP ELEVATION GAIN TIME DIFFICULTY

Cow Pond 1 mile 85 feet 45 minutes Easy

This small pond has variable water levels throughout the year. In spring and summer tadpoles, frogs and other aquatic creatures inhabit this miniature ecosystem. Great place for kids to explore! **Directions:** Follow the directions to Stone Benches, then take the downhill trail from Stone Benches to Cow Pond following the main path.

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North Peak 2.42 miles 437 feet 1.5 hours Adventurous

Damaged in a fire in 2012, North Peak is a prime example of the aftermath of a forest fire. Feel free to explore the damaged area, but be sure to keep your bearings as part of the trail was lost in the fire. A byproduct of the fire, incredible views of the surrounding mountains are available. **Directions from Upper Meadow Lookout:** Continue down into the meadow through varied woods until you come to a [T] in the trail. Take a left and follow the trail through Great Meadow and then up the hill to North Peak. **Directions from Cow Pond:** Go uphill to the West, ignoring the trail on the left to Upper Meadow Lookout. Follow the trail through Great Meadow and then up the hill to North Peak. Also see Chaparral Trail.

DESTINATION ROUND TRIP ELEVATION GAIN TIME DIFFICULTY

Great Meadow 0.58 miles 120 feet 1 hour Moderate

This expansive tall grass field is a great place for meditation, viewing sunsets, and moderate to large group activities.

Directions: Follow the directions to North Peak.

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Chaparral Trail 1.42 miles 437 feet 1.5 hours Adventurous

A steep, narrow trail that cuts directly through dense chaparral. This trail is another way to access North Peak although it is considerably more aggressive in elevation gain. On the way up make sure to look behind you for a view of Granite Mt. to the East. **Directions:** Follow the steps down to Pond Meadow then take the trail towards Lower Meadow. Cross the road and pass by the Lower Meadow campfire circle and then the Composting Toilet on the right. Continue on the main trail, ignoring the first right to Star Rock. After a brief steep spot, take a right at the [T].

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Streambed 0.4 miles 110 feet Varies Rugged

Meander along the streambed and explore a little-seen area of camp. Be careful to avoid blackberry brambles and some poison oak, as the area is not maintained. **Directions:** Follow the steps down to Pond Meadow then follow the trail towards Lower Meadow. After the trail takes a sharp left and levels out find a place to access the stream bed on the right.

DESTINATION ROUND TRIP ELEVATION GAIN TIME DIFFICULTY

Star Rock 1 mile 130 feet 45 minutes Easy / Moderate

This medium sized boulder can be climbed up on the back side either solo or with the help of a friend. A great place for stargazing, storytelling or just sitting and enjoying the surroundings. **Directions:** Follow the steps down to Pond Meadow then follow the trail towards Lower Meadow. Cross the road and pass by the Lower Meadow campfire circle and then follow the trail, passing the Composting Toilet on the right. Continue on the trail, then take the first right to reach Star Rock.

DESTINATION ROUND TRIP ELEVATION GAIN TIME DIFFICULTY

Julian 2 miles 500 feet 1.25 miles Adventurou

Take an adventurous journey to the nearby town of Julian through the back roads and unmarked trails surrounding camp. Be sure to pay careful attention to and make mental notes of landmarks to find your way back; there is no marked path, only a series of connected roads and trails. Please be respectful of the homes and property along your way; some of the path is on private property not affiliated with Camp Stevens. Directions: Follow the directions to Stone Benches and take the trail towards Upper Meadow Lookout, making a left at the [T] instead of a right. Please watch out for barbed wire. Follow the old dirt road to the right going downhill, then stay on the large path until you reach a yellow gate. Continue past the gate, passing the Gold Mine Museum on the left. Finally, follow the road to the right, cross Second St. and go downhill into town.