

Wells

Cornish Mountain Trail Network

This map is the most detailed of the non-motorized closer-in trails around Wells. The Cornish Mountain network and the Meadow trails are featured here. These trails are immediately accessible from Wells and provide short to medium length excursions for hiking, skiing, mountain biking, and snowshoeing. From relaxing strolls on the boardwalks in the beautiful meadows wetlands, to vigorous outings with spectacular views on the Cornish Mountain Road, this map shows the most popular of our community's trails.

Sugar Creek Loop

All Mountain

From Hardscrabble Road: Follow Hardscrabble Road north from Wells and over the Williams Creek bridge. Continue north - the Sugar Creek Loop begins here.

From One Mile Road: One Mile Road intersects with Highway 26 approximately 1.5km east of Wells. Park vehicles here (off the highway), and follow One Mile Road north - One Mile Road becomes the Sugar Creek Loop.

Notes: Recent mining and logging activity in the vicinity of Eight Mile Lake has created some detours; the actual trail may not be as indicated on the map in that area, so be prepared to negotiate that section on your own. Watch for logging and mining trucks and equipment..

A Loop

Follow the Meadows Trail to access the A Loop. The Meadows Trail joins the A loop as it turns northward and uphill off the meadow.

Meadows

All Mountain

Access this trail at the bridge near the intersection of Blair Street and Baker Street in Wells. An easy and popular trail, this route follows Williams creek across the 'meadows' adjacent to Wells and finishes at a scenic picnic area at One Mile Lake. The 'meadows' are actually wetlands, and the trail has several wooden boardwalk sections. Although mostly flat, there are some slopes at the One Mile Lake

This trail can be very wet in spring and during rainy periods - please do not use the trail in these conditions. Close-toed shoes are recommended because of the many willow stubs on sections of the trail.

Cyclists: Moderate skill is required to negotiate some of the boardwalk sections; inexperienced cyclists should dismount at these sections. This is a popular walking trail - prepare to meet and give way to hikers

Coronado Road

Cross Country

From Hardscrabble Road: Follow Hardscrabble Road north of Wells approximately 2km; the trailhead is on the east side just over the Williams Creek bridge.

From Blair Street: Follow the Meadows Trail from the Blair Street/Baker Street intersection for approximately 2km (you will cross the aluminum Moose Island Bridge at about 600 meters). The Meadows Trail joins the A loop as it turns northward and uphill off the meadow. In winter, skiers can connect to the Coronado Road by turning north approximately 500 m from the bridge and cross the meadow to the foot of the slope.

From One Mile Road: One Mile Road intersects with Highway 26 approximately 1.5km east of Wells. Park vehicles here (off the highway), and follow one mile road north 4.6km to Downey Pass where Cornish Mountain Road intersects to the west. Follow the Cornish Mountain Road 5.8km at which point it intersects the Coronado Road.

This trail has some fairly steep grades. Open-sided shelters are located at the One Mile Lake picnic site, just north of Coronado Road 1.6km east of the Hardscrabble trailhead (this is the old Coronado Mine site), and at the 'first viewpoint' on Cornish Mountain Road about 2km east of the intersection with Coronado Road.

Valley Mountain Trail All Mountain

From One Mile Road: One Mile Road intersects with Highway 26 approximately 1.5km east of Wells. Park vehicles here (off the highway), and follow one mile road north 250m. The Valley Mountain Trail starts here, heading east (you will see a wooden 'arch' to which is mounted an old bicycle).

From the Forest Rose Campground: Enter the Forest Rose Campground (approximately 200m north of Highway 26 on the Bowron Lake Road (Highway 26/Bowron Lake Road intersection is about 6km east of Wells), and follow the main campground road about 300m. The Valley Mountain Trail leaves to the north.

This trail passes through forest, through a meadow, and crosses foot-bridges over creeks. This is a pleasant wilderness trail. There are several boardwalk sections and some short, moderate grades. Some sections can be muddy in wet weather.