

# Trails Around Town

Over 90 miles of trail are located within a 5-mile radius of Ketchum. For a recreation outing and stunning scenery they are unparalleled – from long views atop Bald Mountain to quaking aspen groves in Corral Creek. If solitude is what you are seeking, choose a trail further away from town.

Each spring the trails are temporarily closed due to wet conditions. Please respect all closures – your patience helps to keep the trails in good condition for all who follow. Leash your dogs at area trailheads and pick up and remove their trailside waste. Bring plenty of water.

Visit the Blaine County Recreation District's Summer TrailLink site for current information about the trails, including trail descriptions and updates about which trails are open or closed.


The address is: [summertrailink.bcrd.org](http://summertrailink.bcrd.org)

*Bring plenty of water with you for these hikes and rides.*

## Adams Gulch Area Trails

**Open Uses:**    *Additional Open Use on Trail #146:* 

**Sunnyside - Lane's Trail #316**  
Distance: 2.5 miles/4 km

 Easiest


**Shadyside Trail #317**  
Distance: 1.7 miles/2.7 km

 Easiest

**Old Adams Gulch Road Trail #146**  
**Eve Gulch Trail #146**  
Distance: 7 miles/11.25 km

 Easiest - 2 mi

 Most Difficult  
Eve Gulch - 5 mi

*Trail #146 is open to motorcycle & electric mountain bike use May 1st - Aug 29th.* 

**Griffin Butte Loop #142, 146, 177, 316, 839**  
Distance: 7.6 miles/12.2 km

 More Difficult

**Harper's Trail #323**  
Distance: 2 miles/3.2 km

 More Difficult

**Citizens Trail #143**  
Distance: 1.1 miles/1.8 km (connector – Adams Gulch and Lane's trails)

 Easiest

**Forbidden Fruit Trail #159**  
Distance: 1.1 miles/1.8 km

  Most Difficult  
*Note: One-way mountain bike (non-motorized) only.*

Sunny Adams Gulch is hugely popular for cool easy walks along Shadyside Trail, striking views on the Griffin Butte Loop and Lane's Trail, and long, rewarding hikes or rides on Adams Rib Trail. The one-way, mountain bike only Forbidden Fruit Trail is a favorite for more advanced mountain bike riders. It's a great way to finish off an out-and-back on Eve, or as a destination in itself.

**Getting There:** From Ketchum, drive north on Highway 75 for 1.5 miles. Turn left at Adams Gulch Road. Follow this road .75 miles to the trailhead, turning right after crossing the bridge, then turning left at the next intersection.

## Fox Creek Area Trails

**Open Uses:**    *Additional Open Use on Trail #183:* 

**Fox Creek Trail/Loop #149**  
Distance: 6.8 miles/11 km

 More Difficult

**North Fork Loop #312, 149, 303**  
Distance: 2.5 miles/4 km

 More Difficult

**Chocolate Gulch Loop #312 & 149**  
Distance: 4.9 miles/7. km

 More Difficult

**Saddle Trail #326**  
Distance: 2.1 miles/3.4 km

 More Difficult

**Oregon Gulch Trail #183**  
**Oregon-Fox Connector #311**  
Distance: 6 miles/9.7 km

 More Difficult

**Oregon Gulch Loop #183, #311, #312, #326**  
Distance: 11.6 miles/18.7 km

 More Difficult

The Fox Creek system centers on the very popular Fox Creek Trail (or Loop). The Chocolate Gulch Loop is another well-traveled route in the area; it combines the Chocolate Gulch Trail with part of the Fox Creek Trail. The North Fork Loop is quieter, shorter, and has very nice views of its own.

The Oregon Gulch Trailhead is another good starting point for a number of routes. The first couple of miles along the Oregon Gulch Trail are quite mellow, so many enjoy it as a shorter and easier out-and-back trip. Saddle Trail also departs from the Oregon Gulch TH, and it can be used as an out-and-back with shadier, but steeper terrain, or as part of the longer and demanding Oregon Gulch Loop, which is popular with experienced mountain bikers.

**Getting There:**  
**Lake Creek Trailhead:** From Ketchum, drive north on Highway 75 for 4 miles. Turn left at the Lake Creek Trailhead.  
**Fox Creek Trailhead:** From Ketchum, drive north on Highway 75 for 6.25 miles. Turn left on to Forest Service Road 020 and follow the short gravel road to the trailhead.  
**Oregon Gulch Trailhead:** From Ketchum, drive north on Hwy 75 for 7 miles. Turn left onto Forest Service Road 143 (unsigned) and follow the short gravel road to the trailhead.

## Sun Valley Ski Area Trails

Designations of trails vary on Bald Mountain with some trails being closed to some uses during specific times and days of the year. Please visit the help desk at Sun Valley Resort's River Run Lodge or call Sun Valley's Mountain Info Line at 888-490-5950 for lift ticket and current trail information. Obey all posted signs and travel with care. The use of electric bikes is prohibited on Baldy.

**Open Uses:**  

**Bald Mountain Trail #201**  
Distance: 5 miles/8.1 km

 Most Difficult

*Note: Downhill biking is prohibited on this trail.*

Bald Mountain offers a variety of scenic trails that can be accessed from either of the mountain's base areas, with the River Run base area offering access to the Sun Valley Resort's lifts and other facilities designed to accommodate mountain trail users.

The Bald Mountain Trail is the most popular hiking trail on the mountain. The low end of the trail can be accessed from River Run, or people can take a lift up the mountain for a downhill hiking or biking experience. From the top, bike riders may descend on the dedicated system of downhill only mountain bike flow-trails available to them, or they can choose to go down one of the shared-use trails that are open to two-way foot and bike traffic.

The trails that descend off of the top of the mountain go around the perimeter of Baldy, known as the Perimeter Trail. The Cold Springs Trail goes around the southern flanks of the mountain. The Warm Springs Trail goes around the shadier, more treed northern side to reach the Warm Springs base area of the mountain. Perimeter Trail 328 is closed each year until July 1 to protect calving elk herds.

**Getting There:**  
**River Run Base Area:** From Ketchum head west on Sun Valley Road and follow it as it curves left (south) to become 3rd Avenue. Follow this road down to the River Run base area parking lot.  
**Warm Springs Base Area (Access to low end of Warm Springs Perimeter Trail 328):** From downtown Ketchum head north on Main Street/Hwy 75 and bear left at the fork onto Warm Springs Road. Follow Warm Springs Road for about 2.5 miles to Gates Road on the left. Turn left and follow the road down the hill and across the bridge to the Sun Valley Company's gravel parking lot for the Warm Springs base area.

## White Clouds & Trail Creek Trails

**Open Uses:**    **Open Uses:**  

**Trail Creek Trail #305**  
Distance: 1.1 miles/1.8 km

 Easiest

Also: Barrier Free (not A.D.A compliant) 

**Corral Creek Trail #325**  
Distance: 2.7 miles/4.4 km

 More Difficult


**Aspen Loop Trail**  
Distance: 2.2 miles/3.6 km

 Easiest

**WHITE CLOUDS TRAILS**  
**White Clouds Loop**  
Distance: 2.7 miles/4.3 km

  Difficult

**Valley View Loop**  
Distance: 1.8 miles/2.9 km

 Easiest

**Proctor Mountain Trail**  
Distance: 3 miles/4.8 km

  More Difficult

**Ruud Mountain Trail**  
Distance: 2.6 miles/4.2 km

  Most Difficult

The White Clouds and Trail Creek area trails offer a variety of opportunities to those seeking handy outings. The White Clouds loops are especially close, being directly across from the Sun Valley Village. These wide trails offer views of Bald Mountain and Ketchum, as well as views of up the scenic Trail Creek drainage.

For hikers only, the Proctor Mountain Trail offers fine views of Bald Mountain and Sun Valley. The Ruud Mtn. Trail climbs incredibly steeply in places; this demanding trail covers old ski runs on the way up toward Proctor Mountain.

Corral Creek Trail is a favorite mountain bike ride, run, or hike through aspen and mixed conifer forest. Trail Creek Trail is accessible for people with disabilities and features views of Bald Mountain and opportunities for shade at a couple of creekside picnic tables.

**Getting There:**  
**White Clouds Trails:** Head east from Ketchum on Sun Valley Road (or take the paved bike/pedestrian path) for about a mile to access the Sun Valley Resort's White Clouds Trails. If driving, park in the Sun Valley Village parking lot and walk over to the start of the trails, which are on the north side of Sun Valley/Trail Creek Road.  
**Proctor Mountain Loop Hike:** Head east from Ketchum on Sun Valley Road/Trail Creek Road (or follow the paved bike/pedestrian path) for two miles to the Hemingway Memorial on the right. People who are going for a hike can start the Proctor Mountain Loop here.  
**Corral Creek Trail and Trail Creek Trails:** Go east of Ketchum for about 3 miles to the Trail Creek Trailhead on the right. The Trail Creek Trailhead includes a gravel parking area, kiosk, and there is a vault toilet at the nearby Boundary Campground.