

Trail Numbers	Trail Names	Miles		Natl. Rec. Trails *	Amount of Usage ***	Degree of Difficulty **	Cumulative Elevation Gain	Recomm- ended for:		Comments
		Miles	Miles					Hikers	Saddle & Packstock	
8	Coeur d' Alene Divide*	6.0	1.0	M	E	1700	X	X	HIGH RIDGE TOP-BEARGRASS	
16	Wallace St. Joe Divide*	4.0	3.0	L	MOD	300	X	X	SUBALPINE TRAIL ALONG COEUR D' ALENE DIVIDE	
44	Big Creek*	15.0	14.0	M	MOD	3680	X	X	FISHING-1910 BURN-Trailhead Stock Ramp	
56	East Fk. Big Creek*	6.0	6.0	L	MOD	2400	X	X	RIDGE TOP TO CREEK BOTTOM TRAIL	
155	Bronson Meadows*	5.5	6.0	M	MOD	640	X		BEAVER PONDS, old Railroad Grade	
159	Prince Peak	3.0		L	MOD	300	X	X	HUNTER USE	
226	Dam Creek Divide	11.0		M	MOD	600	X	X	DIVIDE TRAIL	
252	Daugherty Hill*	6.0	6.0	M	MOR D	3040	X	X	STEEP, Panoramic Views	
555	Lemonade Peak	4.0		M	MOD	1800	X	X	OLD F.S. LOOKOUT-EXCELLENT VIEW	
563	Pierce Ridge	4.0		M	MOR D	2700	X		STEEP, Panoramic Views	
565	Cabin Ridge*	2.0	2.0	M	MOD	2080	X	X	FOLLOWS TIMBERED RIDGE, Views Big Creek	
568	Elsie Peak*	6.0	6.0	L	MOR D	2000	X		STEEP AND BRUSHY, Views	
570	Ames Ridge*	3.0	3.0	L	MOR D	2240	X	X	HUNTER USE-STEEP, Abandoned Mining Cabin	
759	Mowat Creek	3.5		L	MOR D	1700	X		BRUSHY AND STEEP	

***NATIONAL RECREATION TRAILS**

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Trails designated as National Recreation Trails are part of the National Trail System. Recognition of the Big Creek Trails, as part of this system, will help further outdoor recreation opportunities in the area, and protect the trail from conflicting land uses.

**** DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY**

***** USAGE**

(E) - Easy
Level trail, short uphill/downhill sections, good tread surface.

(MOD) - Moderate
Level to sloping trail, good to fair tread surface, minimal navigational difficulties.

(MOR.D.) - More Difficult
Level to steep trail with sustained uphill/downhill, fair to poor tread surface, short sections with significant navigational difficulties.

- L - Light
- M - Medium
- H - Heavy
- EH - Extra Heavy

(MOS.D.) - Most Difficult
Trail is mostly steep with sustained uphill/downhill, poor to non-existent tread surface, long sections with significant navigational difficulties.

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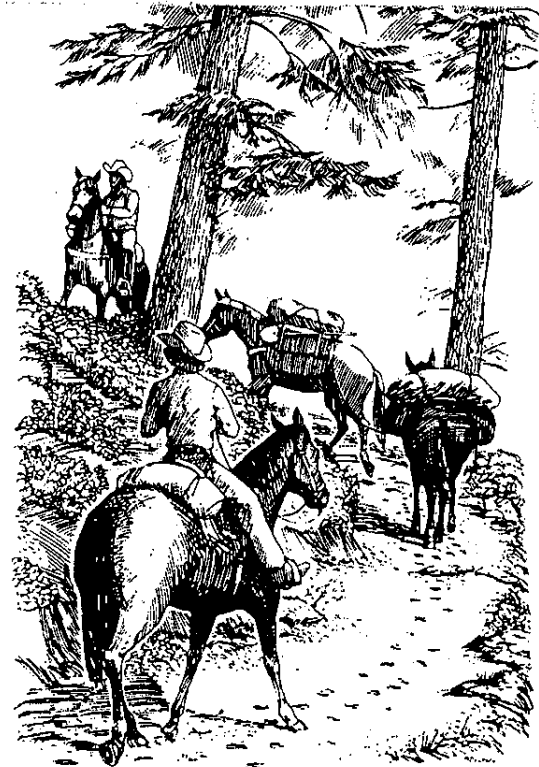
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Big Creek Trail System

the Big Creek Drainage



St. Joe Ranger District

Hiking Horse/ Pack Saddle

The Big Creek Drainage is rich with history. In the early 1900's large untouched stands of white pine covered the area. Miners working their claims were scattered over the drainage. And, the railroad would be coming soon, for construction had already begun.

All this activity came to an abrupt end in August 1910. That month a huge forest fire swept across North Idaho and western Montana destroying millions of acres. In Big Creek the valuable stands of white pine were downed by hurricane force winds that preceded the fire. Then the trees were burned as the fire swept through the area. Many firefighters died fighting the inferno. They were buried on Cemetery Ridge, later, their remains were moved to the Forest Service firefighters Memorial in St. Maries.

Today visitors can see what remains of the logging and mining activities from the remnants of chutes, steam donkeys, cabins, mine shafts, ore cars and railroad trestles.

The first vegetation to grow after the 1910 burn was brush. In the early 1930's elk were introduced to the area. The elk thrived on the brush, and hunting became popular in the drainage.

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BIG CREEK DRAINAGE

LEGEND

- Roads
- Trails
- Campgrounds
- Ranger Station

The present trail system was originally built for fire control and access to lookouts. Today trails are used mainly by hunting and fishing enthusiasts.

