

# McCORMICK CREEK TRAIL



**Hiking Distance:** 6.1 miles roundtrip  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Start Elevation:** 7200 feet  
**Elevation Change:** About 560 feet  
**Location:** In Stanislaus National Forest  
**Map:** USFS Spicer Meadow Quadrangle 490-2

Area's Blooming Season	March		April		May		June		July		August		September	
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## Description:

This is a delightful, little used trail that offers magnificent closeup views of The Dardanelles from the many open flat areas on the last half of the hike. These open flats have many Sierra Sanicle, Copeland's Owls Clover, Mule Ears, Baker's Crepis, Three-leaved Lewisia, and near the end a patch of Arrow-leaved Balsamroot. The trail ends (or nearly disappears) at a fir forest grove, the last half mile sometimes being hard to follow. McCormick Creek itself is never visible from the trail, but it is never very far away, especially during the second half of the walk. An unnamed cone dominates the skyline ahead and you may find some grazing in the area.



### **Trailhead Directions:**

**From the SR 108 take the well-signed Clark Fork Rd turnoff (about 19 mi east of Strawberry). After crossing the second bridge, immediately turn left onto Forest Road 6N06 which is signed for the County Line trailhead (among others). Follow this dirt road 6 miles to its end where there is parking for the County Line trail. The McCormick Creek trail is no longer signed, but it begins immediately to the right of the County Line sign.**

