

WILLIAMS CREEK LOOP

Rating: We class this hike to be moderate.

Distance: Total distance is 10 km return to Barkerville.

Maximum elevation gain: 613ft. 187 m

Note: Williams Cr. to be crossed four times.

Map required from our site: # 1

Traveling through Barkerville (A) may require using the back street especially if hiking with a dog. Dogs to remain on leashes to Richfield (B) as there are horse drawn wagons being used on this section. Immediately below the Richfield Courthouse you will find the trailhead sign for the 1861 Gold Rush Pack Trail. This hike will follow the route up the hill for part of the first kilometer, until you emerge into an open area that had been bulldozed many years ago. This road is the results of bulldozed off and leveling the edge of a ditch line. At this point we leave the Gold Rush Pack Trail and turn South (Right) and follow the road for 2.5 km and just short of hitting McCallum Gulch we turn Right and go down a short hill to Williams Creek. (a short detour to McCallum Gulch for a lunch site may be had) Once down to the creek you may be forced to cross the stream several times trying to follow the old road, soon you will get to a area that was surfaced mined in the 1800's where little has grown on the washed rocks. Cross the creek to the West side and once past Mink Gulch (a hydraulic pit) it is a short distance to Richfield Courthouse (B), completing the loop.

This loop may be done in the reverse direction.