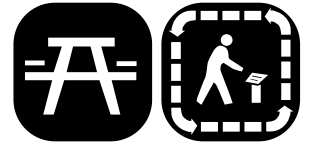


Grouse Falls-Big Trees Loop

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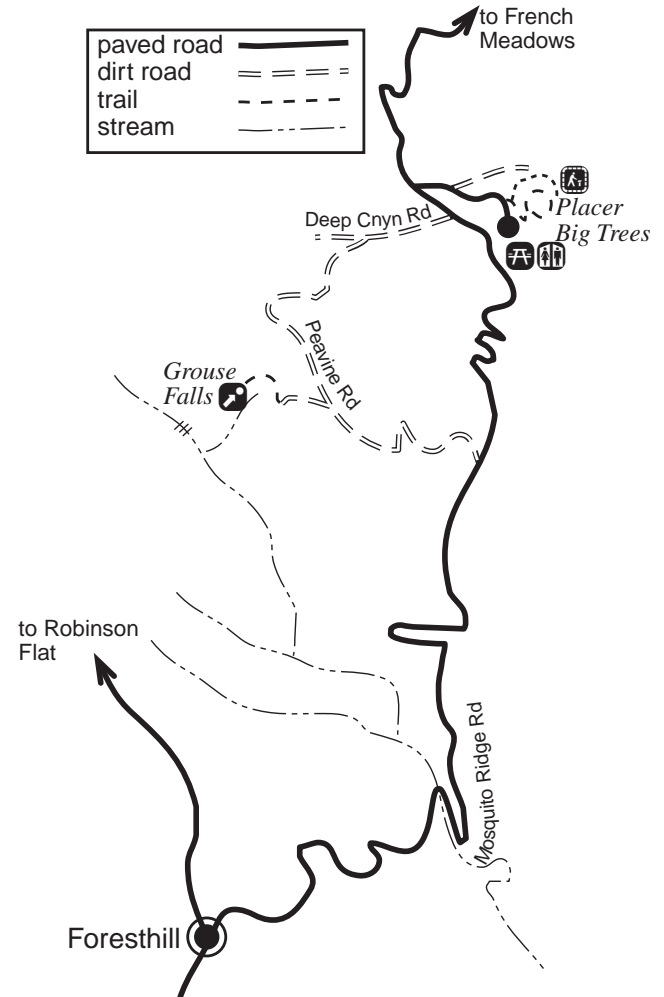


The Grouse Falls-Big Trees loop gives the traveler an opportunity to spend a day seeing and walking through some of the most scenic lands on the Foresthill Ranger District. This loop is ideal for a leisurely day of sightseeing and picnicking.

From Foresthill, take the Mosquito Ridge road (road 96) 19 miles to the Peavine road (road 33), then five miles on this graveled road to the Grouse Falls turnoff. At the end of this short spur, a quarter mile trail leads to a deck overlooking the Grouse Falls cascade, which drops several hundred feet into Grouse Creek. The deep, rugged canyons of this area remind us of the hard work and remote life of the early miners who lived and worked in many of the drainages of the area.

Driving back to the Peavine road, turn left and travel another five miles to the intersection with the Deep Canyon road (road 44.) Turn right, and go one and one-half miles back to Mosquito Ridge road. Turn left, and travel one-half mile to the Placer Big Trees turnoff, and turn right. The picnic area and trailhead are one half mile from this turn.

Placer Big Trees are the northernmost grove of Giant Sequoia, *Sequoiadendron giganteum*, and a self-guided interpretive trail will lead you through this special place. The Forest View trail is a longer loop that takes you through old growth forest. The adjacent picnic area makes a perfect lunch stop, giving you a chance to plan your return to civilization, or a return trip to the Tahoe National Forest, a part of America's Great Outdoors.



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