

# Bullards Bar Trail - Bullards Bar Area

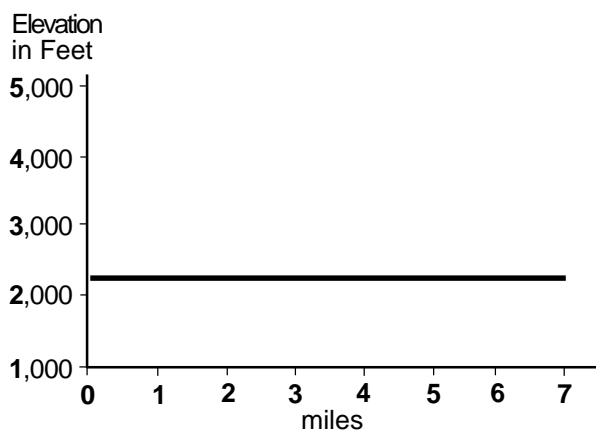
## Downieville Ranger District - Tahoe National Forest



### General Information

Mileage: 7.0 miles  
Elevation: 2243' - 2250'  
Difficulty: Easy to Moderate.  
Use Level: Moderate  
Season: All Year.  
Topographic Map: Camptonville & Challenge.

### Trail Profile



### Access

From Nevada City take Highway 49 to Marysville Road (County Road No. E20) 2 miles west of Camptonville and turn left. Follow this road for 2.7 miles to the Dark Day Picnic Area/Boat Ramp turn off. Turn right and continue for 0.5 mile. Take the left fork to the Picnic Area and the trailhead or stay to the right and head towards the boat ramp parking area. Both the east and west trail sections can be accessed here. The trail can also be started at the Sunset Vista Point, which is 3.0 miles west of the Dark Day Picnic Area/Boat Ramp turn off. The Sunset Vista Point is located 0.75 mile east of the Bullards Bar Reservoir Dam. This trail can also be accessed near unit 13 of Schoolhouse Camp-

ground and off the Marysville Road approximately 1.5 miles west of Highway 49 at the old road alignment. The eastern trailhead is on the Old Camptonville Road. From the intersection of Highway 49 and Marysville Road, take Highway 49 north approximately 2 miles, turn left onto the Old Camptonville Road, and follow it for approximately 1 mile, the trailhead is on the right.

### Trail Description

The trail can be started from several trailheads. It offers an easy walk along the contour of the lake with excellent spots for fishing or swimming. There are plenty of wildflowers, ferns, and some huge ponderosa pines and Douglas firs. To really enjoy a nice picnic and a relaxing view of the lake, the Dark Day Picnic Area is the place to be.

### Note

Only water from developed systems at recreation sites is maintained safe to drink. Open water sources are easily contaminated by human or animal waste. Water from springs, lakes, ponds, and streams should be properly treated before drinking. One recommended method of treatment is to bring clear water to a rolling boil for five minutes.

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