



Mountain Bike Trails at Ferdinand State Forest

Welcome to the mountain bike trails at Ferdinand State Forest. There are five bike trails at Ferdinand totaling 8.8 miles. The bike trails are also hiking trails, as well as partially wooded trails and wooded roads. The trails are marked with Carsonite brand posts with a blue bike decal. They all range in difficulty from moderate to moderately difficult. While riding the trails, bikers should be prepared for the occasional thorn or scrape.

The trails start at a double trailhead in the first parking lot on the right as you enter the property. The north trailhead starts the Foxey Hollow Trail, which travels north from the parking lot and is approximately 1.3 miles in length. The Foxey Hollow comes to an end at the intersection of the Firetower Trail and the Twin Lakes Trail. Turning left will allow you to stay on the Firetower Trail and turning right will lead you through the large campground which will loop around and connect to the Twin Lakes Trail. The Firetower Trail is approximately 1.2 miles in length and merges at the Firetower with the Kayana Trail, which is approximately 2.6 miles in length. This trail loops around the northeast corner of the property and becomes the Twin Lakes Trail, which is approximately 1.9 miles in length and runs along the east side of the property.

Taking the south trailhead at the parking lot begins the South Ridge Trail, which is approximately 1.8 miles in length. This trail runs along the south side of the property and merges with the Twin Lakes Trail on the property's southeast side by Fossil Lake.

We want you to have a great time while biking at Ferdinand. For the enjoyment of all our visitors, please keep a few things in mind.

- Bikers should follow the trail markers and are not permitted to stray off the marked trails.
- Bikers may use the improved (rock or paved) property roads to make shorter loops but should remember that all the trails are also hiking trails and that they should give the right-of-way to all hikers and motorized vehicles.

To get to the trailhead parking lot take 264 North to the Ferdinand State Forest entrance. The parking lot will be on the right shortly after entering the park.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING RULES

Wearing helmets and safety equipment is highly recommended.

Stay on designated bike trails only.

Only non-motorized bicycles are permitted.

These are shared trails. Ride carefully!
(Bike riders should yield right of way to others)

Please try to avoid skidding on downslopes and wheel spinning on upslopes.

Avoid riding trails after saturating rains or snowmelt.

Overnight camping along bike trails is not permitted.

Maximum speed is 15 M.P.H.

We recommend wearing orange during hunting season.

In case of emergency contact the
Sherriff's Department at 911

Enjoy your ride!

Welcome to Ferdinand State Forest

In the fall of 1933, local citizens and a local conservation club approached the Department of Conservation (now Department of Natural Resources) with an idea of what would become Ferdinand State Forest. Soon they donated 900 acres of land and raised funds to purchase additional land. By the spring of 1934 the 1513th Civilian Conservation Corps camp was planting trees on the donated property. Eventually they built roads, a 40-acre lake, property buildings and fish hatchery ponds. Campgrounds, shelterhouses and a beach have been added over the years. Additional purchases have brought Ferdinand to about 7600 acres.

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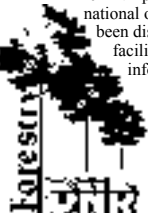
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Mountain Bike Map



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