

Slant Bridge Trail

Dining Hall to ComSci route

From the dining area, go to the rear of the building on the Campfire Ring Side and look for a slant bridge symbol and an arrow on the communications pole. This marks the start of the trail. The slant bridge symbols, in this direction, descend from the left to the right. Follow this trail around the back of the Baden-Powell Campfire circle and descend to the paved road crossing.

Cross the road and find the trail behind the information kiosk. It climbs between two trees and then contours across the remains of a road that use to go to a range and around to the road to the Pawnee Campsite. Just past this road an unmarked trail descends from the Slant Bridge Trail to the Blackfoot Fort Bridge. Our route climbs slightly to avoid the road through Blackfoot and then contours around to a junction just short of the Hopi campsite.

The North Side Loop Trail continues straight ahead and follows the Blackfoot Road up to Crow. The Slant Bridge Trail jogs to the right and descends to pass under the Nature Den. From the Nature Den the trail contours to the old Blackfoot Reservoir. It goes around this reservoir to the south side and crosses the road near an old pump station. Here it picks up a trail that drops steeply to the Slant Bridge and crosses the bridge. On the far side of the bridge the trail jogs right and climbs up to the junction with the Spine Trail.

The Spine Trail will eventually cross Matagual Creek on its own bridge and then wander past the Blackfoot Swimming Pool to the Blackfoot Fort Bridge. Rather than turning right onto the Spine Trail, turn left and climb the hill. Soon you come to a trail that is marked "MMM". It would take you to the center of Mountain Man Meadow. Eventually, if you turned left here you would join the Mataguay Connector Trail, which goes to the PCT. Instead continue on past this junction to the paved road. In front of you will be the old Hog Barn and behind it is the old Commissary, now known as "ComSci".

If you turn up the hill half way between the paved road and the hog barn and cross the dirt road access to ComSci, you will come to the new 3 Mile Loop Trail. You can turn left on it and follow it past the Barn and the Old Caretaker's Cabin to the Conference Center.

ComSci to Dining Hall route:

From the old Commissary (ComSci) go behind the old Hog Barn and follow the dirt road to its junction with the paved road. Look for the start of the Spine/Slant Bridge Trail to the right of the paved road. Follow this trail down past the MMM junction and a future junction with The Mataguay Connector Trail to a junction near the bottom of the hill. The Spine Trail will eventually continue straight ahead here to the Blackfoot Pool. Instead, turn sharply right and descend to the slant Bridge. Cross this bridge and climb up to a dirt road.

Cross this road and go clockwise around the Blackfoot Reservoir fence. The Slant Bridge Trail briefly touches the Blackfoot dirt road before continuing to contour around the hill to the Nature Den. Just past the Nature Den, cross the parking area for the Nature Den and the dirt road and find the Slant Bridge Trail gently climbing to the North Side Trail at a junction just west of the Hopi Campsite.

Turn slightly left and contour through some nice Manzanita to a point where it parallels the dirt road. Following this road west will take you to a number of Blackfoot Campsites. The Slant Bridge Trail descends slightly to cross the road to Pawnee. Now the trail contours past large oaks and swings around the hill to eventually drop to the paved road. Cross this road and climb slightly up to the Parker Dining Hall. This trail is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long. Updated 28 August 2017