

INDEPENDENCE TRAILHEAD:

Take your favorite route from SCLH to I-80 East toward Auburn. Take CA 49 North (Exit 119B) toward Grass Valley through Nevada City. CA 49 takes a left turn to the West on the northern outskirts of Nevada City while CA 20 continues on straight ahead. Use the left turn lane to continue on CA 49 toward Downieville for approximately 6 miles. Note: When leaving the parking area, be careful of the traffic on CA 49. Continue on CA 49 downhill to the parking area approximately 1 mile ahead to turn around. U-turns are not allowed from the parking area back toward the direction we came. Please bring a copy of these directions if you drive.

NOTE: There are only pit toilets at the trailhead. If you want to use a flush toilet, there is one available at the Forest Service ranger station. After you make the left turn at the Hwy 49/CA 20 split it is on the right side of the road. It is in the parking lot.