

INDEPENDENCE TRAILHEAD:

Take your favorite route from SCLH to I-80 East toward Auburn. Take CA 49 (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 lane to continue on CA 49 toward Downieville for approximately 6 miles. Signs will highlight the trailhead parking on the right to include a sign for handicapped parking. Go to the **NEXT** pull-off and park. This parking area has easily identifiable wooden stairs to the trail. Note: When leaving, be careful of the traffic on CA 49. Continue on CA 49 on your arriving direction 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 can drive.