

# South Yuba Trails

Tahoe National Forest

Nevada City Ranger District



## General Information

### Mileage

South Yuba Trail 9 miles (NF); 6 miles (BLM)

Missouri Bar Trail 1.4 miles

Humbug Trail 2.7 miles

Elevations 2,200 - 3,000

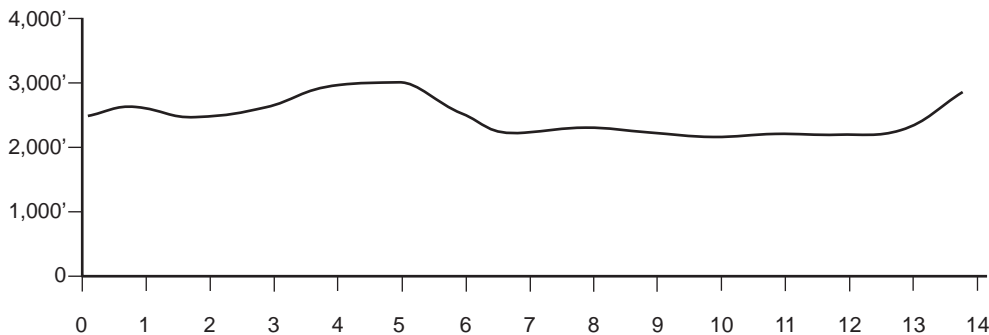
Difficulty **◆ (Most Difficult)**

Use Level **Moderate**

Topographic Maps North Bloomfield 7.5

Washington 7.5

### South Yuba Trail Profile



is 0.1 mi beyond the creek (2 miles west of the South Yuba river bridge).

## South Yuba Trail Description

The South Yuba trail provides a varying and enjoyable hike along the South Yuba River. From the South Yuba Campground, the trail descends into the South Yuba River Canyon, reaching the river's edge several miles in. Due to the spectacular cliffs and topography of the canyon, the trail is primarily above the river's edge. In some areas, the route is high above cliffs, providing spectacular views of the canyon below. River access is provided at four locations along the trail.

West of the National Forest boundary, the trail continues on BLM lands for approximately five more miles, ending

at the South Yuba Primitive Campground.

## Connecting Trails

Humbug Trail, Malakoff State Historic Park— Open for hiking only. A steep, difficult trail provides access from North Bloomfield Road 2.7 miles to the South Yuba River.

Missouri Bar Trail— This trail receives moderate mountain bike use. The trail descends through dense forest cover from a ridgetop to the South Yuba river at Missouri Bar.

## Access

West Terminus— On the North Bloomfield road, from Edwards Crossing, drive north one mile to the South Yuba Campground.

East Terminus— From the South Yuba river bridge at the east end of the town of Washington, travel north less than one mile, bear left, continuing on Washington road. After a short distance, turn left on Relief Hill road (rd. #36). The pavement ends 0.4 mi west. Continue on the gravel road crossing Poorman Creek. The trailhead

## Missouri Bar Trail Description

The Missouri Bar trailhead is one mile east of North Bloomfield and eight miles west of Washington on Relief Hill road. The trail descends through a forest of Douglas-fir and hardwoods to the river. The trail is narrow and descends rapidly, making it essential that mountain bikers take care to control their speed. At the bottom, the trail joins the South Yuba trail, 7.7 miles west of Poorman Creek. Turning right (downstream), it is 7.5 miles to the South Yuba Campground.

## Humbug Trail Description

The Humbug trail begins in Malakoff Diggins State Park, generally following Humbug Creek. This trail is steep and difficult, and is closed to mountain bikes. It joins the South Yuba trail just west of Humbug Creek, about ten miles west of Poorman Creek and 4.5 miles east of the South Yuba Campground.



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