



## Trail 43-- McLeod Creek Trail

*\*kid friendly*

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Distance:** 2.5 miles from Radisson trailhead to East 224 Connector Trail

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Trailhead:** There are four possible trailheads that put you on the McLeod Creek trail: 1-Radisson trailhead; 2-Ridge View trailhead; 3-Old White Barn trailhead; 4-Connector 224 trailhead

**Elevation:** Radisson 6670'; East 224 Connector Trail 6560'

**Avalanche:** None

**Map:** Park City West 7.5' quadrangle

**GPS Coordinates:** None

**Dogs:** Allowed on leash

**Introduction:** The McLeod Creek trail is maintained by the Mountain Trails Foundation of Park City. It is groomed during the winter and easily accessed from four trailheads right in Park City. The trail winds its way around to the Kimball Mill Junction area near the SLC exit to I-80. The trailhead closest to the heart of Old Park City, or farthest south, sits just west of the Radisson Hotel found on Hwy 224, and travels along McLeod creek near Hwy 224. The subsequent trailheads are found along UT-224 as well. One of the enchanting aspects of this trail is McLeod Creek. The even elevation makes the trail pleasant and easy—it's perfect for a quick jaunt if you're unfamiliar with the area, for trail running, or just for a winter stroll.

**How to get there:** From the Salt Lake Valley take I-15 to I-80 east, to the Park City/Kimball Mill Junction exit. Turn right off the exit onto UT 224 toward Park City. About 5 miles down UT 224 turn left on the small side road just before the Radisson Hotel. The trail sits one block down this road. This is the farthest south entry to the trail. You passed the other trailheads on your way to this one.

The next trailhead, Ridge View, is found .65 miles down the trail (and UT 224) from the Radisson. A large sign says Ridge View. This is also accessed off UT-224.

The third trailhead sits less than a half mile down the road from Ridge View, across from the Old White Barn. A spacious parking lot marks this trailhead.

The final entry point is also the end of the trail, or the beginning of the East 224 Connector trail. This is accessed by turning east off UT-224 on Old Ranch Road. The trailhead is down just a block. You could start from this end and head south/east back to the Radisson trailhead.

**Trail description:** Beginning at the Radisson Hotel trailhead, the first section of the trail runs so close to HWY 224 that the cars are your companions. As the trail curves away from the road McLeod Creek picks up and the trail becomes more rural. After 2.5 miles the McLeod Creek trail comes to Willow Creek Park, restrooms, and the intersection with the East 224 Connector trail. The Junction is Old Ranch Road. By crossing over the road you are then on the East 224 Connector trail.

**Trail description:** Regardless of which trailhead you begin from, the trail is easy to follow. The trailheads are marked with signage and the winding nature is clearly defined. Please note that because the trail sits right in the city, snow pack may not be ideal during warmer periods of the winter.

From the Radisson trailhead the trail winds west and north along Hwy 224. Little McLeod creek jumbles along next to the trail, and as the trail winds the corner and heads north toward Kimball Mill Junction, the trail distances itself from the highway and enters residential area. At times the trail passes behind beautiful Park City homes, even getting right up next to backyards in some areas. A local favorite, this trail is traveled by many. It ends right at the start of the East 224 Connector trail that finishes the route to Kimball Mill Junction. You can stop here for a picnic at the adjoining park and return the way you came or continue on with Trail 42.