



Trail 5 – Art Nord to Green Pond: East Fork Wheeler Creek Trail

Duration: 2.5 hours

Distance: GPS reports the trail at 3.3 miles one-way; Forest Service sign reports 2.5 miles one way; possible shuttle

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead: Art Nord or Green Pond

Elevation: Art Nord 5511'; Green Pond 6320'

Avalanche: Low

Map: Snowbasin 7.5' quadrangle

GPS Coordinates: Green Pond trailhead--12 T 0430027/4561862

Dogs: On leash

Introduction: The Green Pond trail offers a rolling, gentle uphill wind from the Art Nord trailhead toward the Green Pond trailhead which is found along the new Snowbasin highway. Green Pond itself actually lies across the new highway to the south, so you never actually see a pond on this trail, but it twists around small foothills below the Snowbasin Ski Resort. The trip can be done as an out-and-back if you have one car, or if you wish to shuttle, both trailheads are easily accessed. The trail description will be given as starting from the Art Nord trailhead.

How to Get There: A trailhead at each end; possible shuttle.

1-Art Nord Trailhead: 9.4 miles up Ogden Canyon/S.R. 39 is the turn off for S.R. 226, better known as the old Snowbasin road. The road is marked by the usual small green road sign. It is easily missed if you don't watch closely. Take this road south. During winter months, the road is blocked 4 miles up canyon. This is the Art Nord trailhead.

2-Green Pond Trailhead: The Green Pond trailhead and parking sits 1.4 miles up the new Snowbasin access road. The new Snowbasin road is accessed off Trappers Loop from either Weber or Ogden canyon.

Trail Description: From the Art Nord trailhead: Two-hundred feet past the concrete road block that stops traffic on the Old Snowbasin Road during the winter months, on the left-hand side of the road, is a small sign that says Green Pond trailhead. This is the East Fork of Wheeler Creek. The trail starts here and heads east staying on the north face of the south mountain. It continues east for 1.9 miles where the trail then curves around the east end of the mountain then heads south. You'll cross a number of bridges as you head toward Snowbasin Ski Resort, which will be visible to the south. At 3.2 miles the trail turns and heads west up a hill. Shortly thereafter, at 3.26 miles, the trail turns south, through the trees, to the Green Pond trailhead. If you catch the trail on a day when no one has gone before to mark the trail, head in the general directions given as you enjoy the aspen and open terrain. By following these general directions you should be able to hook up with the new Snowbasin road and the Green Pond trailhead which is well marked and provides ample parking.