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*MOTORIZED USE RESTRICTED TO THE MAIN TRAIL
PLEASE STAY ON THE TRAILS*

This trail leads to open alpine meadows and beautiful views of the Cariboo Mountains, along a route used by the early miners. The trail follows the Cariboo Waggon Road from Barkerville to Richfield Courthouse (approx. 2 km).

Cyclists: check in at the Barkerville Visitor Reception Centre to be escorted through the gates. Stay on the back street along Williams Creek. Horses use the road between Barkerville and Richfield; dismount bicycles when approaching.

From Richfield, continue up the hill past the Courthouse, climbing as far as Summit Rock. (approximately 2 km) Here the trail splits. On the left, the **hiking-only** trail crosses the meadow (approximately 100 m) to the intersection with a ditchline. To continue to Mt. Agnes, turn right (west) on the tract along the ditchline.

Caution: do not follow the steep uphill trail which continues straight ahead across and above the ditchline – this will take you onto the Powderhouse Trail.

Half way along the lush ditchline trail you will encounter a washout: take the detour *above* it. The ditchline continues and eventually rejoins the shared use trail near Jack O' Clubs Creek. Shortly the trail crosses the creek and climbs steeply the last 1.5 kilometres to Groundhog Lake and the cabin. Hikers can explore higher ground easily from here.

Return Trip: 5 - 6 hours return for hikers.

Elevation gain from Barkerville to Groundhog Lake: 462 m (1500 ft.)

The Ditchline is a section of the Lowhee Ditch which was built to run from Ella Lake in a continuous run to Lowhee Creek. It extends all the way to the front of Cow Mountain, above Wells.

Looking for more trails adventures in the area? Check out www.wellsbc.com/Adventure1/Main.htm, www.whitegold.ca/7summits.html and www.whitegold.ca/biking.html

For further information, see **Hiking the Cariboo Goldfields** by Edwards, Funk & Stoker, Rocky Mountain Books, Calgary 2002 ISBN 0-921102-98-4.

BE PREPARED!

Do not travel alone. Always leave a copy of your itinerary with someone you trust.

Avalanche hazard exists in all mountainous areas. It is essential for all winter users to have avalanche hazard assessment and route selection skills and to be equipped with avalanche beacons, shovels, probes, etc.

Not all trails marked on this map are signed. Bring a compass, altimeter, and NTS 1:50,000 maps (93H3 and 93H4).

Mountain weather is changeable. Even in summer it can snow and whiteout conditions can occur. Always be prepared with survival gear, matches and extra waterproof clothing.

This is a remote wilderness area and encounters with bears and other wildlife can be expected. Be aware that portions of the trails are shared by motorized users; use caution when approaching bends.



Western anemone
Please do not pick wild flowers!

USE THESE TRAILS AT YOUR OWN RISK

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