

## **Cedar Roughs Trail**

The Cedar Roughs Trail provides access to the Cedar Roughs which encompasses the high ridge on the west side of Lake Berryessa. Views from the ridge are extraordinary and include the lake, Blue Ridge and Chiles and Pope Valleys. The trail now goes along the north end of the ridge to a scenic overlook and is under constant improvement and will eventually extend to the top of the ridge.

The trail begins at a turnout next to an old rusty white gate on Pope Canyon Road. The turnout is a few feet east of the "Napa 06.75" mileage marker on the road. Park at the gate or in a larger pullout across the road. The trail begins at the rusty white gate at this turnout (1). Proceed downhill and turn right onto the trail up Pope Creek (2). The trail goes through a switchback and upstream to the creek crossing which is marked by orange flagging tape attached to bushes (3).

Cross the creek at this point by following a flag line and wading the creek. Use extreme caution wading if the water flow is high or consider abandoning the hike. Crossing Pope Creek during the rainy season is often impossible and remains a boot filling experience until, usually, some time in May. From a carsonite trail sign on the far shoreline (4) ascend the trail to an old carriage/jeep road. Turn left and follow the road uphill.

After about a 1/2 mile climb, the trail passes through a broad meadow. Take the right fork where the path splits in the meadow (5). The path then descends down a canyon on the far side of the meadow and turns left onto an old road cut (6) before turning sharply right (7) and beginning the climb into the Cedar Roughs. Follow the cairn line for another mile along the ridge to a point where the trail turns right (9) and ends on a scenic rocky overlook (10).

\*Degree of Difficulty: Moderate climb. Length is two miles with 800 ft. elevation gain.

\*Trail Condition: maintained and marked; follows an old road to the meadow and a cairn line to the overlook.

The points in parentheses above and marked on the map are:

- 1 Trailhead
- 2 Turn onto trail along creek
- 3 Creek crossing, east bank
- 4 Creek crossing, west bank
- 5 Trail goes right at fork
- 6 Trail turns left onto road cut
- 7 Trail turns right off road cut
- 8 BLM boundary, enter Wilderness Area
- 9 Trail turns right towards overlook
- 10 Overlook