

## Loop Hikes on Mt. Tamalpais From Bootjack



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The following directions are minimal and should not be attempted without a map unless you are familiar with the trails. The time given for each hike is average. Strong hikers will complete the route in less time. Over-the-ankle hiking boots are advised. When on fire roads, walk on the right hand side of the road going uphill and the left hand side of the road going downhill and watch out for cyclists.

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Distance: 1.40 miles  
Elevation Change: 600'  
Time: 1 hour  
Route: Bootjack, Easy Grade, Riding and Hiking, Bootjack

Walk up the rock steps behind the parking lot restrooms and turn right through the picnic area and start up **Bootjack Trail** on your left. At the top of a wood staircase at the paved driveway turn left a few feet and then right on a paved road to another wood staircase where the **Bootjack Trail** continues upward. The trail ends at a paved road where you will find restrooms slightly to the left ahead of you. To your right is the magnificent 4000 seat rock amphitheater constructed in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Walk to the top of the theater to take in views of San Francisco and the Bay. Return to where you came up the **Bootjack Trail** and go down the **Easy Grade Trail** on the right. In about 15 minutes you will see the **Riding and Hiking Trail** on your left. Take the **R&H Trail** downhill to the paved road, turn left and take the lower paved road to the **Bootjack Trail** on your right. Continue through the picnic area back to the parking area.

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Distance: 3.60 miles  
Elevation Change: 900'  
Time: 2 hours  
Route: Bootjack, TCC, Dipsea, Coastal Fire Road, Old Mine, Old Stage, Matt Davis

At the center of the parking area, cross **Panoramic Hwy** to the signed **Bootjack Trail** to **Van Wyck Meadow** and enter the signed **TCC Trail** on your right. Continue on this trail through forests of Douglas fir, huckleberry and sword ferns for almost two miles. Just beyond a bridge you arrive at a junction with the **Stapleveldt Trail**. **TCC** turns left and then goes straight until it ends at the signed **Dipsea Trail** where you turn right. After a short uphill climb you will arrive at the **Coastal Fire Road** where you again turn right uphill. In about four hundred yards, look for the signed **Old Mine Trail** on your right. Follow this trail to the paved road and continue right to the **Pantoll Ranger Station**. Go past the restrooms, up the driveway and cross **Panoramic Hwy** to a paved **Old Stage Road** on your right. In a very short distance take the signed **Matt Davis Trail** back to the **Bootjack** parking area.



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Distance: 5.00 miles  
Elevation Change: 1100'  
Time: 3 hours and 30 minutes  
Route: Bootjack, Bootjack Spur, Alice Eastwood Fire Road, Plevin Cut, Sierra, Troop 80, Troop 80 Spur, Bootjack

At the center of the parking lot, cross **Panoramic Hwy** to the signed **Bootjack Trail**. At **Van Wyck Meadow** the **Bootjack Trail** turns left and then right to continue downhill. You will follow **Redwood Creek** through numerous groves of California redwoods and Douglas firs. Shortly after the trail levels out watch for the signed **Bootjack Spur Trail** on your left. This short trail ends at a fire road where you will continue uphill for a short distance where you will enter the **Plevin Cut Trail** on your right. At the first intersecting trail go left and enter the **Alice Eastwood Camp Grounds**. Just past the restrooms take the **Sierra Trail** on your left. It begins as a fire road but shortly becomes a single track hiking trail. You will arrive at the junction with the **Troop 80 Trail** where you will turn left across a railed bridge. Follow this trail to the **Troop 80 Spur Trail** on your right. Go up this **Spur Trail** where it joins the **Bootjack Trail** for a short steep climb to the parking area.

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Distance: 6.90 miles  
Elevation Change: 1000'  
Time: 4 hours  
Route: Bootjack, Troop 80, Alice Eastwood Road, Trestle Trail, Hogback, Matt Davis, Nora, Rock Spring, Bootjack

At the center of the parking lot, cross **Panoramic Hwy** to the signed **Bootjack Trail**. At **Van Wyck Meadow**, turn left past the large rock to the **Troop 80 Trail**. This trail ends at the paved **Alice Eastwood Road**, where you turn left and go uphill to the **Trestle Trail** where you will turn left. At the top you again cross **Panoramic Hwy**. Bear left and proceed up a paved road staying left towards the **Throckmorton Ridge Fire Station**. Proceed uphill on the unpaved road named **Hogback** and just past the water tank turn left on the **Matt Davis Trail**. Continue about a mile to the **Nora Trail** on your right and proceed uphill. At the top you will see the **West Point Inn** built in 1904 and the last remaining structure from the **Mt. Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railroad** that once ran from **Mill Valley** to **East Peak**. Stop here for refreshment and then go around the building on the left (west) side and at nearly the end of the building look across the road to your left to find the **Rock Spring Trail**. This trail will end at a large amphitheater built by the **Civilian Conservation Corps** in the 1930's and still in use today. Proceed to the bottom aisle and cross the theater where you will find restrooms. Look for the signed **Bootjack Trail** below the restrooms and continue downhill. At the paved road turn right a few feet and then left on the lower paved section and right again to the **Bootjack Trail** through the picnic area to where you began this hike.

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