

Crescent Meadow to Moro Rock

Trail Type: Loop

Skill Level: Easy+

Distance: 1.5 miles

Trail Head Elevation: 6729 feet

Elevation Gain: 250 feet

Trailhead coordinates: 36.554884, -118.749207

(36° 33' 17.58"N 118° 44' 57.14"W)



To get to the trailhead: Take Generals Highway (SR 198) east to Crescent Meadow Road, which is just south of the Giant Forest Museum. Drive east past the turnoff for Moro Rock parking area. After three miles, the road ends at the Crescent Meadow Parking Area. Along the way, travelers can drive beneath Tunnel Log, a Sequoia that fell over the road.

The best views of this moderate 1.5-mile loop with 250 feet of elevation change come from Bobcat Point, which has view of Moro Rock, just a mile away.

From the Crescent Meadow Parking Area, set out south down Sugar Pine Trail, located to the right of High Sierra Trail, which will be your return route. Sugar Pine Trail comes to a marked junction after a few hundred feet. Turn right, following signs for Moro Rock.

Backtrack to Sugar Pine Trail and continue down the single track as it follows Crescent Creek downstream. At 0.6 miles, you will come to a marked junction with Bobcat Point Trail. Sugar Pine Trail continues to the right for 0.9 miles to Moro Rock.

Return from Moro Rock along the same path but make a sharp right turn at the junction toward Bobcat Point and walk down to a crossing of Crescent Creek. The trail climbs 150 feet in a quarter mile to reach Bobcat Point, which is identified with a small sign and an excellent view.

Bobcat Point Trail continues east from the point across a ridge above the rim of the canyon where it should pass a location called Kaweah Vista. At this spot, 0.3 miles past Bobcat Point and 1.2 miles from the start, the trail turns left and heads north toward High Sierra Trail.

The Bobcat Point Trail, which switchbacks down the opposite side of the ridge, heading north to a junction with High Sierra Trail, 1.3 miles from the start of the loop. If you turned right, you could hike 60 miles on High Sierra Trail all the way to Mount Whitney. To continue with the loop, however, turn left and hike a short distance back to the trailhead.

After a hundred feet you will come to a junction with Crescent Meadow Trail. Turn left again for a direct hike back to the parking lot, or turn right to venture around the beautiful meadow lined by sequoias.

You will cross the top of Crescent Creek a few hundred feet further down High Sierra Trail. Stick with High Sierra Trail across two wooden footbridges to return to the Crescent Meadow Parking Area, closing out the loop after 1.5 miles of scenic and peaceful hiking.