



Sierra Forest Legacy
Protecting Sierra Nevada Forests and Communities



Caples Creek Day Hike
Eldorado National Forest
Saturday, August 5, 2017



FIELD TRIP: Caples Creek through-hike on the Eldorado National Forest, from Martin Meadows along Highway 88 down through the Caples Creek recommended wilderness to the Fitch-Rantz Bridge on the Silver Fork Road.

WHEN: Saturday August 5, meet at 8:00 AM

DETAILS: Sierra Forest Legacy, California Native Plant Society's El Dorado Chapter, and CalWild are co-hosting a one-way day hike through the Forest Service recommended Caples Creek Wilderness on the Eldorado National Forest. The hike is 7 miles of trail with some beautiful views of old growth forests, meadows, aspens, cascades, rare plants, and granitic and volcanic geology. We'll take some time during the hike to talk about the proposed wilderness area at Caples Creek as well as the upcoming ecological restoration project in the watershed. There is a plant list which is available from the CNPS El Dorado Chapter. The best part? It's all downhill.

RSVP/MORE INFO: For more information, or to RSVP please contact:

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LOGISTICS: Meet at Fitch-Rantz Bridge on Silver Fork Road at 8:00 AM. Leave some cars and shuttle around to Martin Meadows which is located east of Silver Lake on highway 88. There is a free campground there, with plenty of parking. At the end of the day some of us will drive back to Martin Meadows to retrieve cars. It is a bit of a long shuttle, as it's about 20 miles.

DURATION: One very long day. Camping out the night before; or the night of is probably something to think about. There are also resorts for overnight lodging along Hwy 88 and motels in South Lake Tahoe.

WHAT TO BRING: Everything you need for a very long day hike, including knapsack, jacket, rainwear, food, water, adequate shoes or hiking boots. Hiking poles are advised as there is a downhill, rocky part of the trail. Most of the trail is easy to moderate.