

FRANCIE'S CABIN
SUMMER ACCESS OPTIONS

From the Spruce Creek Portal Trailhead & Parking Area (see map for directions), you have several options:

DRIVING:

You will want a high clearance vehicle. Driving conditions vary depending on the weather. Take the road that exits the parking area on the west side and continue driving up Spruce Creek Road. At the fork, stay left. After about 1.25 miles, turn right onto the aqueduct road where the sign says "Wheeler Trail." Park at the turn or at the gate, but do not block the gate. Francie's Cabin is a 3/4 mile walk from this point. Follow the aqueduct road to the creek, cross the cement bridge, go around the middle gate and turn left to follow Crystal Lakes Road. After only about 50 feet, turn right onto the driveway to Francie's Cabin and follow it about 600 feet to the cabin.

HIKING/MOUNTAIN BIKING:

Fastest, but steep: Follow the road that exits the west side of the parking lot. At the fork, go right toward Crystal Lakes. After about 1.1 miles, you'll see a gate on your left. Shortly after that, turn right onto the onto the driveway to Francie's Cabin and follow it about 600 feet to the cabin. This route is very steep and rocky and is not recommended for mountain biking.

Medium distance, less steep: Follow the driving directions above.

Longer, more scenic: From the parking area, take the Spruce Creek Trail that exits the parking lot on the south side. Follow it to the intersection with the Wheeler Trail, turn right, and take the Wheeler Trail to the Spruce Creek Road where it intersects with the aqueduct road. Follow the driving directions above for remainder of the route.

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