

Hiking Trails in the Inyo National Forest

There are too many trails in Inyo to list here. Trail books are available at the forest and from the USFS. Some of the popular hikes in the forest are:

- **Rainbow Falls:** The hike to this 101 foot falls is 1.5 miles one way if you start at the parking area just before the Reds Meadow Pack Station or 2.5 miles from Devil's Postpile.
- **Ediza Lake:** The trailhead is in Agnew Meadows. This 13 mile round trip hike will pass Shadow Lake where there are great views of the Ritter Range and then take you to Ediza Lake. The lake is surrounded by Mount Ritter, Banner Peak and the Minaret Mountain. This is considered one of the most beautiful places in the forest.
- **Mount Whitney:** If you want to take this 22 mile (round trip) hike from May 1 to Nov. 1, you first have to get a permit. The trailhead is at Whitney Portal, 12.6 miles on Whitney Portal Road off US 395. The hike gains elevation steadily and offers great views along the way.
- **Crystal Lake:** This 3.5 mile round trip hike starts at the Lake George parking area. You can go to Mammoth Crest if you add another 2.5 miles which provides great views above Lake George.

Among the many trails in Inyo is a portion of the Pacific Crest and John Muir Trail. Chair lift rides (\$16) to the top of Mammoth Mountain provide access to hiking trails and great views.