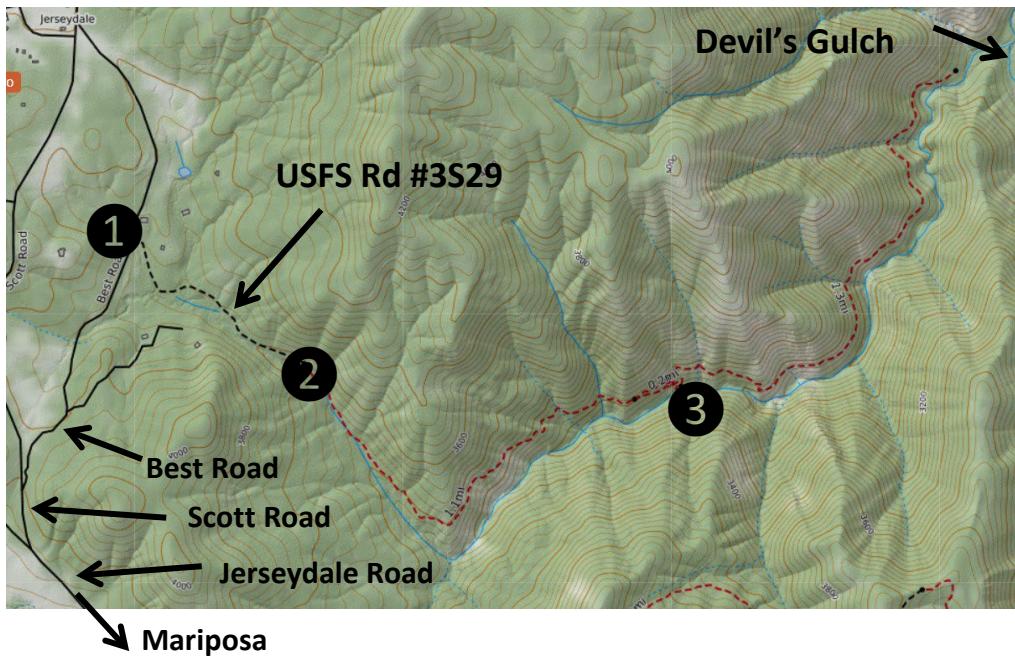


# Skelton Creek Trail/**Thursday, 1/15/26**



## LEGEND

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## THE TRAIL

This is a moderate "out-and-back" multiuse non-motorized trail along Skelton Creek with canyon views and numerous cascades in the winter and early spring. Visit the relic Blue Glory Mine (use caution- creek crossing with no bridge) or the more challenging and overgrown route to Devil's Gulch. **Trail Stats:** 3.2 miles one-way from Best Road to Devil's Gulch; elevation (3,704' at start / 2,274' at end). Learn more at [The Hiking Project](#) or [AllTrails](#).

## TRAIL STEWARDSHIP: WHAT TO EXPECT ON THURSDAY, 1-15-26

Arrive at the parking area by 9:30 AM in work attire and with personal day packs, which should include water, snacks, lunch, personal items and clothing for the day. Personal Protective Equipment and hand tools will be issued to volunteers. At 9:45 AM, we will circle up for introductions and a safety talk. From there we will hike to the work site(s). Work assignments will be based on each volunteer's interests, skills and desire to learn. On this trip, the following work is possible: filling sand bags (shovel); removing logs (chainsaw); brushing (loppers) and tread work (McCleod, hoes); and removing plants from the trail (extractigator/pick). Much of this work is located about 1.5 miles from the trailhead, between trailhead and Blue Glory Mine. We will return back to the trailhead by 4pm; refreshments will be offered.

## GETTING THERE

**Driving Directions:** From Mariposa Visitor Center, travel 6.2 miles on Hwy. 49 South, turn left onto Darrah Rd, which becomes Jerseydale Rd after crossing Triangle Rd., then becomes Scott Rd (veer right at Y). Turn right onto gravel Best Road. Continue 0.5 miles to USFS Rd #3S29 on the right.

**Parking and Access to Trailhead:** Park alongside Best Road, just before its intersection with U.S. Forest Road 3S26. Travel 0.4 miles down the public USFS road to the trailhead (marked). Note: The road passes through neighborhood properties; please respect private properties by staying within the road easement to the marked trailhead.