

HITE'S COVE TRAIL

Project History: Trail restoration began in 2014 under the banner of the South Fork Merced River Trailblazers. Following devastating impacts from fire and subsequent erosion in 2018, extensive trail work has nearly restored the trail.

Trail: The most utilized trailhead is at the confluence of the South Fork with the main stem of the Merced River. The first $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of the trail is on private property; mtn-bikes are prohibited there.

Distance: The distance between Highway 140 and Hite's Cove is about 4 miles; one may opt to continue east and north on other trails from the cove.

Key Features and Amenities: Springtime wildflowers, historic Hite's Cove Mining Town (burned down in 1924);

Status: The entirety of the trail is officially temporarily closed, most likely through Spring 2021. The section of trail nearest HWY 140 is routinely closed in the summer & fall due to extreme fire danger.

