



**Online Hiking Guide
Field Worksheet**

 **Don't forget to take photos!** You don't need a fancy camera – cell phone photos are just fine. We suggest also taking a photo of the trailhead sign (if applicable) to capture additional details that you may not write down on this worksheet.

Trail Name (and # if there is one):

Latitude/Longitude of Trailhead:

(With a smartphone, download and use the free app "Travel Altimeter & Elevation", which tells altitude and lat/long)

Land Manager: Name of the National Forest and Ranger District, BLM field office, etc. This is often included on the trailhead sign.

If this trail is unmarked or the sign doesn't include that info and you're unsure, that's okay.

Short Description: This is your chance to get people excited about hiking this trail! Why would someone go here?

Trail Description: Note mileage of landmarks if possible. Describe vegetation, views, stream/river crossings, etc. Note seasonal features such as amazing spring wildflowers or great fall color. Describe the trail itself: wide and flat? Steep and narrow? Rocky? Brushy? Is there water available, or is it dry? These details will help trail users make more informed decisions, and is especially important to horseback riders and disability access.

Roundtrip Distance:

(If this is an out-and-back trail, remember to double the trail distance – the distance should reflect distance traveled)

Summit Elevation:

(Use your handy app)

Trailhead Elevation:

(Use your handy app)

Total Elevation Gain:

(Summit minus Trailhead = total elevation gain)

Trail Surface: Paved Gravel Dirt Rocky

Fees / Restrictions / Notes: Only fill this out if pertinent. Permits required? Special restrictions? Seasonal road closures?

Getting Here: Directions from the nearest town or landmark. Note road conditions. Also include trailhead features: bathrooms, size of the parking area, hitching posts or corrals, stream or spigot water availability, etc.

Map or Guidebook: Is this trail also mentioned in a guidebook or a good map? DO NOT copy descriptions or info, but list where people could go to find more information: *Guidebook or Map Title* by First Last Name, publication date.

That's it! When you return home, visit wildmontana.org/addatrail to submit your scouted trail to Hike Wild Montana. Thank you for contributing, you're a valued member of our wilderness community! If you have any questions, please email Keely at kdamara@wildmontana.org.