Don't Forget the Whispering Pines Nature Trail across the highway (be careful when crossing!)

This trail can be found on-line at https://www.alltrails.com/explore/trail/us/california/ponderosa-nature-trail

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Ponderosa Nature Trail

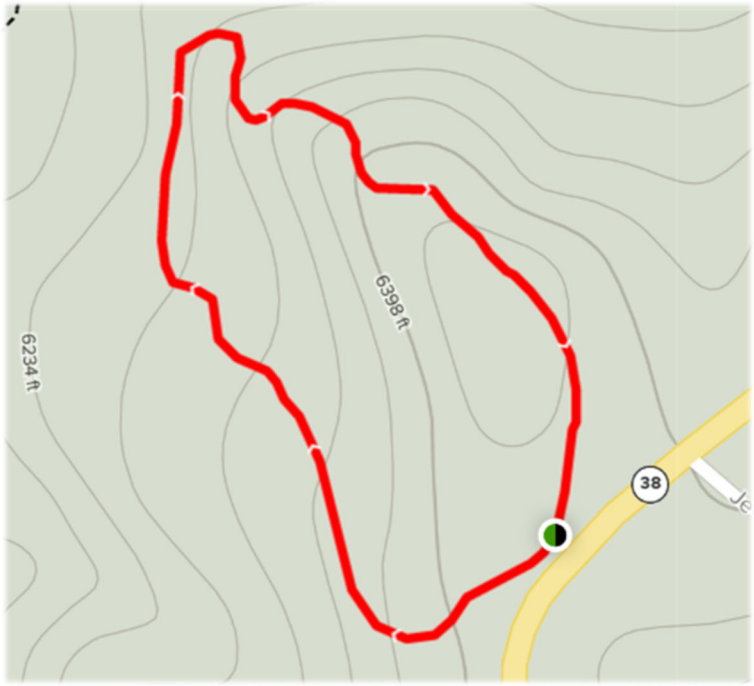
(Highway 38/Jenks Lake Rd.)

The Whispering Pines Trail and Ponderosa Nature Trails are directly across the road from another. These two short loop hikes combine for just over one mile of pleasant strolling. Distance-wise, the two trails are rather similar. However, the Ponderosa Nature Trail includes many panoramic views of the canyon below. Depending on the day of your visit, dramatic skies often accompany the view.

Both trails pass under a forest canopy of black oak and pine, with much taller trees along the Whispering Pines Trail. The fall season provides the most rewarding time to visit. The changing leaves add quite a bit of color to the two small loops, making for a much more memorable visit than on a hot day in the summer. These are easy loops that can be completed by visitors of all ages.

Length **.6 miles**

Elevation gain **170 ft**



Elevation profile

Directions to trailhead:

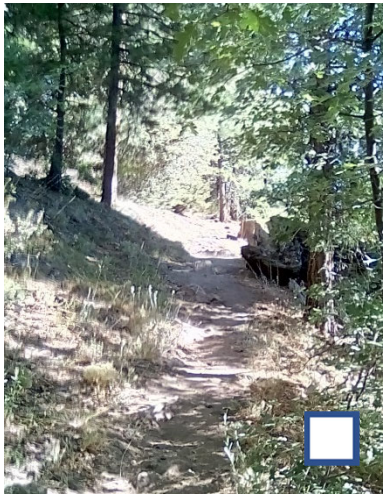
Driving Option A:

Exit the main camp gate on Highway 38, and turn LEFT (watch out for traffic). In aproximately ½ mile, there is a large turnout on the right (north) side. That is the parking for the Ponderosa trailhead.

Driving Option B:

Exit the back gate of camp, turning RIGHT onto Barton Flats Rd. Turn Right at Jenks Lake Rd, and in about a mile turn LEFT on Highway 38. The large turnout on the right (north) side is the parking for the Ponderosa trailhead.

Walking:

From the trading post, take the camp road toward Middle Meadow, past Campsites 10, 17, 13. Follow the camp road until you meet a green gate on the side of Jenks Lake Rd. Walk north (right) on Jenks Lake for about ½ mile to the trailhead. This is about a 1 mile hike.

Sights Along the Trail
(How many can you find?)