

Sparks Creek Campsite (relocated May 17, 2014)

Is now located in a bottom on the west side of Sparks Creek just across the creek from the previous site (just west of Mile 17 about .2 mile.) The old site had become so compacted from use over the years. One of the main sources of compaction is not just site being used, but campers NOT fluffing up the leaves where they put their tents when they strike camp.

Directions: The hike from Rocky Point in is the best (about 1.2 miles) as the trail comes down through the cliffs at Rocky Point and it is downhill all the way. Just west of Mile 17 the trail turns left and you cross Sparks Creek on stepping stones and the trail continues along the stream a short ways then uphill about 100 yards to the signs marking the campsite (on your left.) Take the short access trail downhill from there to the site. Alternate directions: Go east on the PMT from Dowdell Knob, past Brown Dog Campsite about a mile. (NOTE: there was a bridge you crossed to get to the old site that has been re-purposed into a bench. New access trail is 217' west of the old bridge location.)

The new site location only has two fire-rings and is somewhat smaller than the old location. The old bridge that used to lead to the old site has been made into a nice bench at the new site near a firering. Watch for signs showing boundry of this site and noting the closure of the old site.

Thanks to Craig Myers for scouting out the new location and directing the relocation (on May 17th 2014.)



In the photo is front L-R : Harry Pruitt, Craig Myers, Joe Skinner, Richard Blackburn
Back: Neil McCord, Michael Wade, Carl Carlson & Jim Hall



Signs noting boundary of camp, old site closed (and do not camp, or build campfires there.)

