

# Holbert Cabin Trail

**Direction to trailhead:** Travel east on highway 50 to Phantom Canyon Road then turn north and continue for about 13.4 miles until you come to an rusty orange-red colored, steel, bridge curving around to the left (west). The trestle bridge is the only bridge remaining from the railroad line left that carried coal and supplies to Victor and gold ore down to Florence for smelting. It is listed on the Register of National Historic Places. Information about this bridge is provided on informative signs located directly across Phantom Canyon Road from the trail head. The parking area is on the right side of the Phantom Canyon Road just before you reach the bridge. The unmarked, gated trail head is located just north of the parking area to your right (Figure 1). About 19.4 miles one way.

**Length of hike:** 3.75 miles (round trip)

**Beginning elevation:** 7141 feet

**Elevation change:** 319 feet

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Description:** At the trail head, go through the gate, closing it after you pass through. The trail parallels the east fork of Eight Mile Creek for about 0.94 miles. The creek then divides with the East Fork turning to the left (west). Holbert Cabin is located on the west side of the east fork just after the stream divides (Figure 2). Please do not disturb this historic cabin. The trail follows the other branch as it meanders to the right (east). The trail slowly gains in elevation and crosses the stream a few times as it passes through stands of white firs and scattered Fraser firs and ponderosa pines (Figure 3). Willows and cottonwood trees are scattered along the stream bank. Rocky cliffs are visible at times through the trees (Figure 4). Near the end of the trail you pass by a second cabin nestled in the trees so that it is easily overlooked. Just beyond the cabin is a second gate taking you onto BLM property. Again, shut the gate after passing through. The trail ends a couple hundred feet beyond the gate. The trail continues but is difficult to locate and stay on. If you want to continue further just stay close to the stream bed so you don't get lost.



Figure 1. Map of Holbert Cabin Trail



Figure 2. Holbert Cabin



Figure 3. View of Holbert Cabin Trail



Figure 4. View from Holbert Cabin Trail