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Summer Recreation

Map Legend

- Town Park
- Summer Info Booth
- Parking Area
- Campground
- Restroom
- Trailhead
- Food Services
- Hiking Trail
- Ski Lift
- Stream
- Dirt Road (15 mph)
- Paved Road (25 mph)
- Building



WATERSHED AREA
Alta and Little Cottonwood Canyon are protected watershed
No swimming or bathing in springs, streams, and lakes
Only dogs with proper permits are allowed within the Town of Alta or LCC

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. Collins Gulch to Germania Pass**
Distance: 2.5 miles (one-way). Elevation Gain: 2,000 ft.
Access this service road/trail from the Wildcat Base parking lot. The road is moderate to steep, passing through beautiful meadows in a hanging valley, and it connects to the top of the Germania Pass -East Greeley trail.
- 2. Cardiff Pass**
Distance: 1.0 mile (one-way). Elevation Gain: 1,360 ft.
Access from the north side of Hwy 210 near the Town of Alta office building. This steep hike climbs to the ridgeline opposite Alta Ski Area and offers stunning views along the way.
- 3. Twin Lakes Pass**
Distance: 1.75 miles (one-way). Elevation Gain: 1,350 ft.
Park on the north side of Hwy 210, just across from the Summer Information Booth. This moderate to steep trail through Grizzly Gulch ends with spectacular views of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- 4. Lower Albion Meadows Interpretive Trail**
Distance: 0.5 miles (one-way). Elevation Gain: 100 ft.
Access from the Albion Base, just east of the Snowpine Lodge, or from the Wildcat Base parking lot. Interpretive signs along this very moderate trail discuss the history, geology, and wildlife of Alta.
- 5. Upper Albion Meadows (access to Cecret Lake)**
Distance: 1.5 (one-way). Elevation Gain: 1,100 ft.
Access from the Albion Base parking lot or connect from the Lower Albion Meadows trail. This moderate trail through fields of wildflowers leads to the Albion Basin Campground and Cecret Lake trailhead.
- 6. Cecret Lake Interpretive Trail**
Distance: 0.75 mile (one-way). Elevation Gain: 420 ft.
Access from the Albion Meadows Trail or from Cecret Lake Parking. This very popular, moderate trail features interpretive signs along the route that discuss geology, hydrology, and animal and plant life in Albion Basin. (Bikes prohibited)
- 7. Devil's Castle Loop**
Distance: 1.8 miles round-trip. Elevation Gain: 460ft.
Access from Albion Meadows Trail or from Cecret Lake parking. This moderate trail leads through dense forest and open meadows beneath the cliffs of Devils Castle.
- 8. Catherine's Pass**
Distance: 1.0 miles one-way). Elevation Gain: 800 ft.
Access from parking near the top of Sunnyside lift. This moderate trail through open meadows and wetlands leads to Catherine's pass, then drops into Big Cottonwood Canyon toward Brighton.
- 9. Germania Pass via East Greeley**
Distance: 2.5 miles (one-way). Elevation Gain: 1,300 ft.
Begin at the Cecret Lake parking area or connect from the Albion Meadows Trail. This moderate to steep ski area service road switchbacks through lush meadows to a view above Cecret Lake and continues into upper Albion Basin.