LOCKWOOD LOOP TRAIL

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Trail Information:

Length of Trail: 0.8 mile Trail Type: Natural Surface

ADA Accessible: Not ADA accesible

Restroom/Drinking Fountain: Restrooms, open

seasonally

Other: Dogs are allowed on trail but must be kept on leash. Good area for picnicking, hiking,

fishing, and river access.





History Highlights:

- The Truckee River Canyon was used by travelers since gold rush days. From 1844-1854 a wagon road lead through this area and climbed into the Virginia Range before dropping down into the north end of Hidden Valley.
- In 1869 this canyon became the route for Central Pacific, the first transcontinental railroad. This route is stil used today by Union Pacific.
- The East Truckee Canyon used to be privately held, but the Nature Conservancy, Washoe County, and some federal agencies returned it to public holdings.
- After a flood in 1997, the land was acquired by the county through FEMA. The Nature Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife designed and managed the restoration project to restore the habitat, construct new meanders and riffles, create new wetlands, and remove invasive weeds.

Local Biodiversity:

Wild Rose

Identification: Wild roses come in a variety of colors and sizes. These shrubs are generally 2-6ft tall and bloom from May till August. In July they produce "hips" or fruits that last throughout winter.

Fun Facts:

- The rose hips are rich in Vitamins and can be used to make tea and jellies. They are also a favorite food for the northern mockinbird.
- All parts of plant can be used as a dressing to coagulate blood.

Resources: "Wild Rose.", Macphail Woods. https://macphailwoods. org/nature-guides/shrubs/wild-rose/





Belted Kingfisher

ID Characteristics: Belted Kingfishers have a shaggy crest on the top of their head, a thick daggerlike bill, and their tails are medium length. The females have a broad rusted band on their bellies, and the males have a blue-grey band. Juveniles, pictured below, have irregular rusty spoting on the breast band.

Fun Facts:

- This is one of the few bird species where the female has brighter coloring than the male.
- These birds like to spend their time perched alone along bodies of water looking for small fish.
- The oldest known fossil in the kingfisher genus is 2 million years old.

Resources: "Belted Kingfisher.", All About Birds. https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Belted_Kingfisher/overview



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