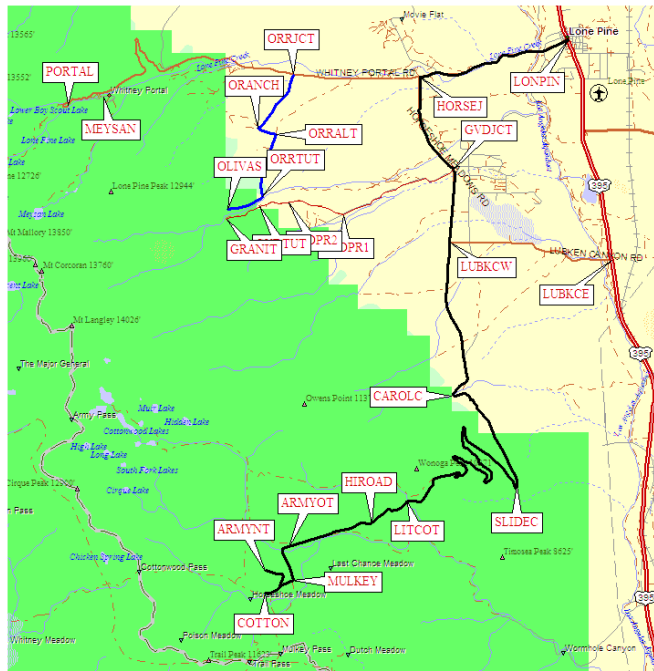
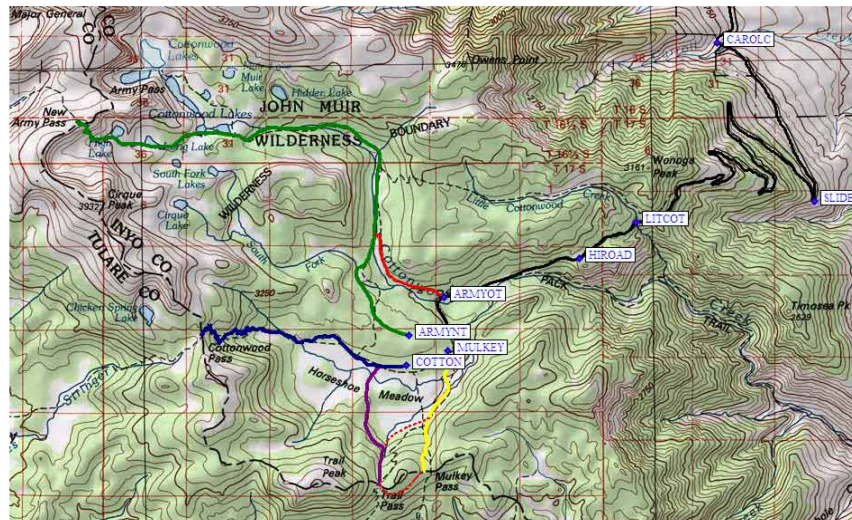


Horseshoe Meadow lies in the Inyo National Forest southwest of Lone Pine in the Eastern Sierra Nevada at the boundary of the Southern Sierra to the south and the High Sierra to the north. Located at about 10,000 feet altitude it is a central hub for many day- and back-backing trips. A network of trails leads into the Golden Trout Wilderness or north into the John Muir Wilderness. Its easy access by the Horseshoe Meadow Road from Owens Valley contributes to the popularity of this area.

From Lone Pine turn west onto Whitney Portal Road (mile 0). You will enter immediately the Alabama Hills Recreation Area. At about 3 miles make a left turn onto paved Horseshoe Meadows Road. The road climbs steeply in many switchbacks the eastern escarpment of the Sierra Nevada. At 18.3 miles, you pass "Walt's Point", a popular launch site for hang gliders. At 19.5 miles the road levels off and descends as it crosses Cottonwood Canyon. At 22.2 miles you reach the parking area for the Golden Trout Wilderness trailhead. Horseshoe Meadow is just beyond the trees.



Lone Pine (3727') to Horseshoe Meadow (9960')



3.5-mile trail (dark blue) to Cottonwood Pass (11,200') via Horseshoe Meadow. Trailhead 9900'.



Creek in Horseshoe Meadow with Cottonwood Pass and "Trailmaster Peak" in the distance.



Looking down at Horseshoe Meadow from Cottonwood Pass.

Video of Horseshoe Meadow

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yquw1whq1wQ&noredirect=1>

Pictures of Horseshoe Meadow

<http://www.hikespeak.com/trails/cottonwood-pass-hike-golden-trout-wilderness/>

Video of drive up to Horseshoe Meadow

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAGoLfvhJwE>