

**ACCESS POINTS:** Take U.S. Hwy 285 south from Fairplay 1.3 miles to County Road 18 and proceed to one of two campgrounds.

Horseshoe Campground is approximately 7 miles from U.S. Hwy 285. There is a wide part of the road just before the entrance to the campground where you can park. Walk to the back of the campground to the trailhead.

Fourmile Campground is approximately 9.5 miles from U.S. Hwy 285. Proceed to a point approximately 200 ft. beyond the access road to the campground and park on the south side of the road. Cross the road and access the trailhead where a large timber bridge crosses the creek. The limber grove is closer to the west end of the trail and so Fourmile CG access is closer to the top.

**LENGTH:** 1.5 MILES

**SEASON:** SUMMER, FALL

**DIFFICULTY:** EASY/MODERATE

**USGS MAP 7:** FAIRPLAY WEST

**RECOMMENDATION:** Not for horses or mountain bikes because of the talus slopes along the trail. Wear high-top boots with heavy soles.

**ATTRACTIONS:** Hiking the Limber Grove Trail takes you back in time among ancient Limber Pines, some as old as 1000 years. Limber Pines have long, tufted needles on limbered branches and cones with husky scales. While the majority of trees in the grove are limber pines there are also Bristlecone pines. These have short needles on stiff branches with small, bristly cones.

The needles and cones of the bristlecone pine are covered with small white flecks of sap.

The rocky, dry ground, high-altitude, short summer and winter winds all combine to make this a harsh environment for these trees. Their struggle to survive is expressed in their twisted shapes and the beautiful grain of wood that has been etched by centuries of howling winter winds.

This trail also offers views of Horseshoe Mountain and Mt. Sherman.

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