

# Rubicon Trail Site Assessment

## March 24, 2026

**Crew:** Brian Bettencourt and Tim Canavaro

**Weather Conditions:** The weather conditions for the Rubicon Trail on March 24th were clear and sunny. The air temperature on the trail was approximately 58(F) at 9:00 a.m. and about 65(F) around 1:34 p.m. The summary of weather conditions up to this day are as follows:

2026		20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar
<b>SLT</b>	Precip (in)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Avg Temp (F)	49.3	52.1	49.7	55	53.6
<b>R2</b>	Snow Depth (in)	13	11	8	7	4
	Avg Temp (F)	55	53	50	49	52
<b>LL</b>	Precip (in)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Low Temp(F)	46	42	42	45	42
	High Temp(F)	75	63	64	60	64
	Ave Temp(F)	60	54	52	52	53

Reference Loon Lake Elevation: ~6,500 ft

SLT= South Lake Tahoe; elevation: 6,623 ft <http://classic.wunderground.com/cgi-bin/findweather/getForecast?query=38.89361191,-119.99527740&MR=1>

R2 – Rubicon#2 Snotel Site; elevation: 7,689 ft <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/nwcc/site?sitenum=724&state=ca>

LON –Loon Lake; elevation: 6,410 ft [http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/stationInfo?station\\_id=LON](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/stationInfo?station_id=LON)

**Trail Sections (Areas highlighted yellow not observed):**

Wentworth Springs Campground / Post Pile Grade /

Ellis Creek Tie Intersection / Walker Hill / **Soup Bowl / Winter Camp / Little Sluice Area**

**Trail Conditions / Observations:** Staff approached the Rubicon Trail at the Wentworth Springs entrance. There was very little snow on the ground. The precipitation for the season has been very lite.

**County Assessment:** Only 4 of the 7 sites visited due to time constraints. Staff met with Adopt A Trail volunteer to discuss BMP in the Walker Hill section.

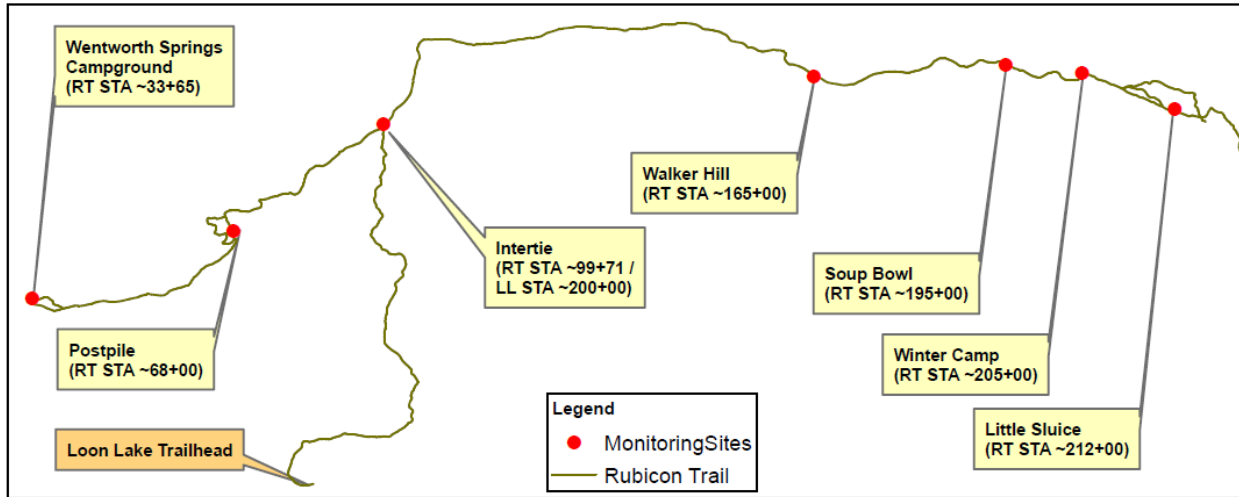
Report submitted to U.S. Forest Service:

**Reviewer:** Dionne Uzes

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### Inspection Locations:



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**Wentworth Springs Campground**

RT Station 33+65

**Water Depths:**

0.0 ft – 0.0 ft – 0.0 ft

**Notes:**

Little to no water. Drying out.

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**Post Pile**

RT Station 68+00

**Water Depths:**

0.1 ft – 0.0 ft – 0.0 ft

**Notes:**

BMPs functioning as designed.

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**Ellis Intertie**

RT Station 115+00

**Water Depths:**  
0.1 ft – 0.0 ft – 0.1 ft

**Notes:**  
BMPS functioning as designed.

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**Walker Hill**

RT Station 165+00

**Water Depths:**

0.5 ft – 0.5 ft – 0.5 ft

**Notes:**

BMPs functioning as designed

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**No Photo Available**

**Soup Bowl**

RT Station 195+00

**Water Depths:**

**Notes:**

Area not visited

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**No Photo Available**

**Winter Camp**

RT Station 205+00

**Water Depths:**

**Notes:**

Area not visited

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<p><b>No Photo Available</b></p>
<p><b>Little Sluice</b></p>
<p>RT Station 212+00</p>
<p><b>Water Depths:</b></p>
<p><b>Notes:</b> Area not visited</p>