

The Caribou Lakes Trail, Trinity Alps

Reading and vocabulary worksheet · Level B1–B2

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Key vocabulary

charred	Burned black on the outside.
regenerate	To grow back after damage.
brittle	Hard but easy to break or snap.
switchback	A sharp turn in a path that climbs a steep slope.
alpine	Belonging to high mountains, above the tree line.
saddle	The low point on a ridge between two peaks.
basin	A wide, bowl-shaped area of land.
solitude	The state of being completely alone, often by choice.

2. Complete each sentence with a word from the list

You may need to change the form of the word.

1. After the fire, thousands of _____ trunks were left standing.
2. The dry branches were so _____ that they snapped underfoot.
3. The trail climbed in long _____ across the face of the slope.
4. We crossed the _____ and started down the other side.
5. The lakes sit in a granite _____ carved by ice.
6. Many people walk here for the _____ more than the views.

3. Comprehension — answer in full sentences

1. Why is the lower part of the trail difficult on a hot day?

2. What does the writer notice growing between the dead tree trunks?

3. Why did he start walking before sunrise?

4. What is a saddle, and how is it different from a switchback?

5. Why does the lake stay in place instead of draining away?

6. Why do deer come close to camps in the wilderness?

4. Writing

Write about a long walk or journey you have made (120–180 words). Describe how your body felt, what you could see, and one moment you still remember clearly. Use at least four words from the vocabulary list above and underline them.

5. Talk about it

1. Would you rather sleep in a tent or in a building? Why?
2. Some places are protected so that no roads can be built. Is that worth it?
3. Describe the most difficult physical thing you have ever done.