T56
Lonesome Ridge Trail
Guadalupe Ranger District

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<td>3.1 miles</td>
<td>6660 - 7020 ft</td>
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360 ft difference

Map color/symbol codes are at the end.

T56, T67, T203, T205, T207, T208, T210, T222, T223, T224, and T225 are shown as black dashed lines on the map. FR201, shown in magenta, is considered to be impassable for most 4WD high clearance vehicles.
DESCRIPTION: In the National Park, the extension of T56 is labeled as the “Golden Staircase”, a historic name. The trail zig-zags and is not accurately represented by the Forest Service GPS track. The scenic views are probably not worth the effort required to access and hike this trail.

ACCESS: To reach T56, take US285 northwest from Carlsbad (about 12 miles) to 0.6 mile beyond milepost 45 at its junction with NM137, Queen Highway. Turn left and follow the paved road 32 miles to milepost 20. Continue along NM137 6.5 miles to the turnoff (left) for FR540 (which may also be signed as Klondike Gap Road). FR540 is a very good gravel road. Follow it 11.6 miles to its intersection with FR201. The upper trailhead is 2.9 miles from the western end of FR201 and 2.6 miles from the junction of FR69A and FR201. Driving along FR201 requires a high clearance 4WD vehicle. T56 begins at FR201 and descends to the boundary between the Guadalupe RD and Carlsbad Caverns National Park. At present, access through the National Park is uncertain and users who wish to access the lower end of T56 should contact the National Park for that information.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

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<th>NAD83</th>
<th>Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s</th>
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| Trailhead | N32 03 49.3  
W104 46 05.9 | 521871  
3547518 |
| Trail End  
FS Boundary | N32 02 02.5  
W104 44 24.1 | 524546  
3544236 |

Links to Other Resources
Guadalupe Ranger District Trails
Area Map (13 MB)
Gunsight Canyon Topo Map

Last Hiked: Not hiked 1/25/2015