T109 Alamo Peak Trail

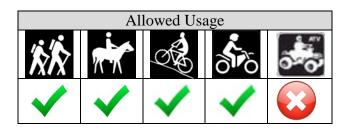
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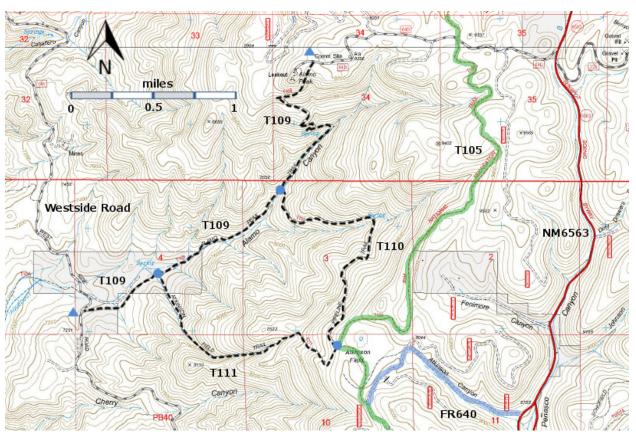


T109 GPS Track (as .GPX)

Left click to open in your browser; then save from browser.

LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
3.0 miles	7200 - 9200 ft 2000 ft difference	Moderate	3





Link to map color/symbol codes

T109, T110, and T111 are shown as black dashed lines on the map. T105 Rim Trail is shown as a solid green line..

DESCRIPTION: Among T109, T11, and T111, T109 has the easiest access and the best distant views, between miles 0.1 and 0.4 from its upper end. At mile 0.4 is a delightful primitive camping spot under mixed conifers Considerable variations in landform and vegetation exist along this path. The trail leaves the old road at a signed junction at mile 2.2, just prior to an open barbed wire gate. Here the official trail angles left and soon parallels a fence, passing the lower trailhead for T111 at mile 2.5. This is a nice camping spot. Maximum gradient is 20%, with most grades much less. The lower section of T109 passes several small City of Alamogordo water department structures. The trail ends at FR 90, next to a cattle guard.

ACCESS: To reach the upper trailhead for T109, begin in Cloudcroft at the US82 and NM130 intersection. Drive NM130 south 1.8 miles; turn right on NM6563, Sunspot Highway. Follow it 6 miles to milepost 6; go another 0.2 mile and turn right on FR64D, a single lane paved road.. *Drive slowly and watch for oncoming traffic* on narrow curves with very limited visibility. Go 1.7 miles to the end of FR64D at a military gate; the signed T109 trailhead is on the left.

To reach the lower trailhead for T109, a high clearance vehicle is recommended. In High Rolls, begin at the junction of US82 and Westside Road (same as FR 90 and County A061). Drive Westside Road south 10.2 miles to just past the ruins of a large upright fireplace on the left. After crossing a cattle guard, the signed T109 trailhead is on the immediate left.

Three Good Loop Hikes Plus a Photo Opportunity:

(1) Begin at the upper end of T109; in 1.5 miles, turn left and follow T110 for 1.7 miles to its junction with T111 (50 feet from junction with T105); turn right and hike down T111 1.6 miles to its junction with T109; turn right and return to the upper T109 trailhead (2.5 miles). Total Distance: 7.3 miles. Lowest point: 7330 ft; Highest Point: 9186 ft.

(2) Start at the lower T109 trailhead and go up trail 1.5 miles, turn right on T110. Follow T110, then turn right on T111, and go to T109; turn left to reach the lower T109 trailhead in 0.5 mile. Total Distance: 5.3 miles. Lowest point: 7185 ft; Highest Point: 8949 ft.

(3) For a more interesting and higher elevation loop walk with fewer ups and downs, hike T109 from its upper end. At the T110 junction, turn left and eventually join T105, Rim Trail. Hike T105 north 3.2 miles to FR64D. Turn left (west) and hike 1.1 miles along the paved road to upper T109 trailhead. Total Distance: 7.5 miles. Elevation: all between 7,900 and 9,400 feet, for a total difference of just 1,500 feet. Lowest point: 7894 ft; Highest Point: 9497 ft.

For a superior photo opportunity, hike T105 0.8 mile north of the upper common junction with T111 and T110. The scene is especially good during morning hours and features the Tularosa Basin, including the White Sands and San Andres Mountains 50 miles distant. A very photogenic side canyon includes the US Army's large, black, "golf ball" structure on Alamo Peak. The upper portion of T109 passes near this area.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Upper Trail Head	N32 52 25.9 W105 48 36.6	424209 3637595
Junction of T109 and T110	N32 51 46.4 W105 48 48.5	423890 3636380
Junction of T109 and T111	N32 51 18.7 W105 49 36.9	422625 3635538
Lower Trailhead	N32 51 07.2 W105 50 03.6	421928 3635189

Links to Other Resources

<u>Area Map</u> <u>Sacramento Peak Topo Map</u>

NOTE: Three Loop hikes are described in this trail material. The gpx track is provided for each loop. You may wish to download the gpx track and go to <u>maplorer.com</u> to view the loop profile.

Loop1 gpx file Loop2 gpx file Loop3 gpx file

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