T125 San Andres Trail

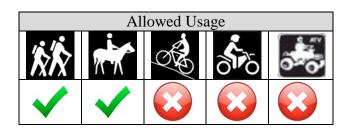
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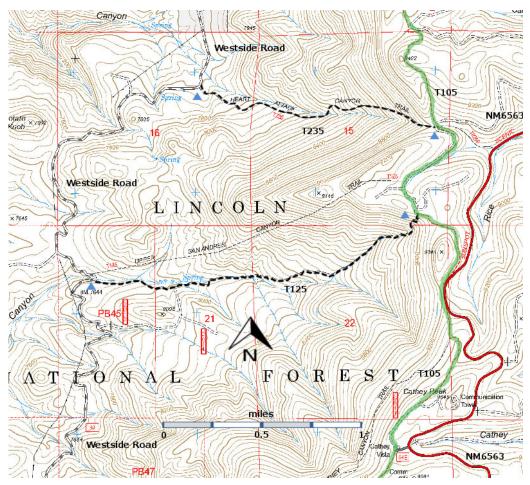


T125 GPS Track(as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
1.9 miles	7620 - 9120 ft 1500 ft difference	Difficult	3





Link to map color/symbol codes

T125 and T235 are shown as black dashed lines on the map. T105 Rim Trail is shown as a solid green line.

NOTE: T2094 Lower San Andres Trail, which begins at the mouth of San Andres Canyon (south of Alamogordo) ends about halfway to FR90. Beyond that point the path, such as it is, is no longer signed, maintained, continuous, or designated as an official trail. T125 and T2094 are not continuous.

DESCRIPTION: It is quickly understood why you should hike down T125 (for the suggested loop hike) and never go up it; gradients range up to 55% along the first 0.4 mile! However, after the initial steep descent, the gradient becomes less than 15%. Trees vary considerably in size, suggesting this area may never have been logged. A variety of scenery, including landforms, greets the hiker. The lower half-mile of trail, beyond a large earthen dam, passes an inviting meadow with a little pond and small stream. The trail ends after another 0.1 mile at the edge of FR90.

For a loop trip, park at the T125 trailhead along Westside Road (FR 90). Hike north 1.9 miles along FR90 to the lower T235 terminus; then walk 1.4 miles up T235 to FR640. Hike generally southwest 0.7 mile along FR640 (also T105) to the upper T125 trailhead; then walk 2.0 miles down that route to FR90. Total round trip distance is 6.0 miles. Allow 5 hours.

ACCESS: In High Rolls, from the junction of US82 and Westside Road (same as FR90 and County A061), drive Westside Road south 12.4 miles to the signed trailhead for T235 on the left. Go another 1.9 miles to reach the lower trailhead for signed T125, a few feet from the San Andres Canyon sign on the left. *Caution: Westside Road can be muddy, rutted and slippery! 4WD may be needed.*

To reach the upper trailheads for both T125 and T235, begin in Cloudcroft at the NM130 and US82 intersection. Drive NM130 south 1.8 miles and turn right on NM6563, Sunspot Highway; follow it 8 miles to milepost 8. Drive 0.6 mile beyond and turn right on FR640, Atkinson Canyon Road. Follow this frequently rough and muddy road 4.1 miles to the signed upper trailhead for T235, at a deep saddle along the main ridge of the Sacramento Mountains. Continue another 0.7 mile. T105, the Rim Trail, also follows this road beginning at the T235 trailhead. Then the road turns left, as the trail does, and goes a short distance to where signed T105 turns right, leaving the road. T105 passes the upper T125 trailhead in just 200 feet.

If you prefer to drive on pavement, drive along NM6563 to milepost 12. Continue driving another 0.5 miles to the Cathey Canyon Vista on the right. Park and hike T105 north 1.6 miles to the T125 trailhead. This is a good starting point for the loop trip. Hike 0.7 miles further along T105 to reach the upper T235 trailhead.

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Upper Trailhead	N32 49 18.2 W105 48 10.2	424852 3631810
Lower Trailhead	N32 49 00.5 W105 49 54.1	422145 3631285

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

Links to Other Resources

Sacramento Peak Topo Map

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