

T5005B

Benson Canyon Spur 2 Trail

Sacramento Ranger District



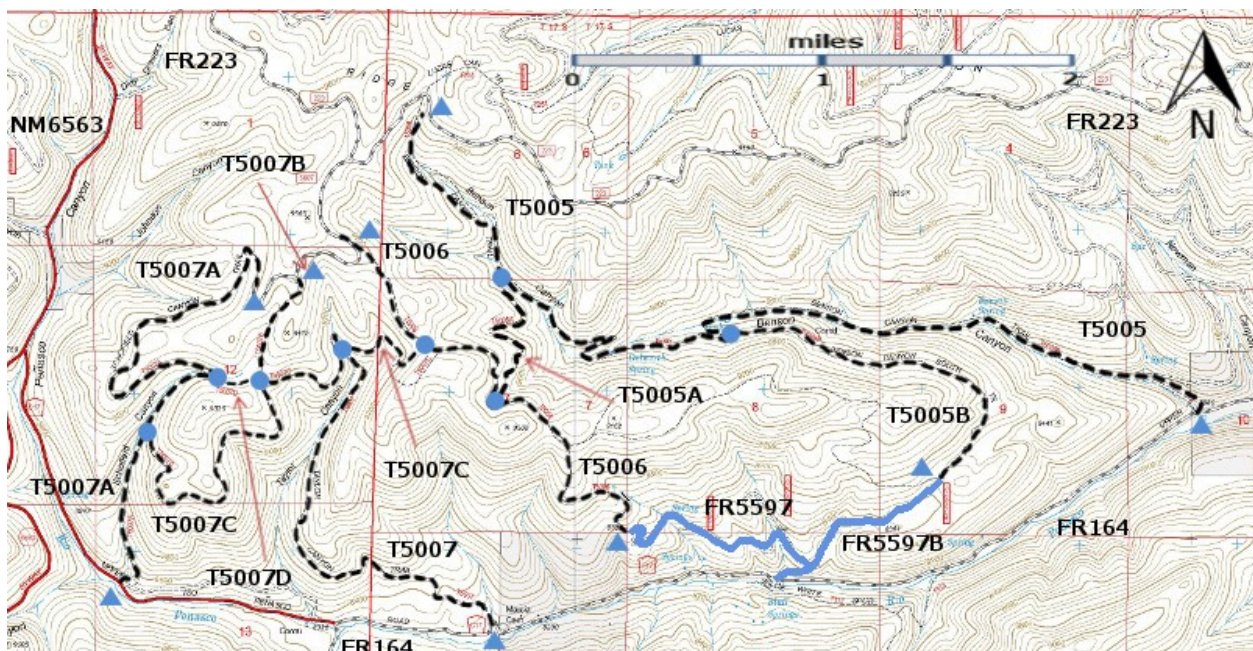
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GPS Track (as .GPX)

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1.5 miles	8480 - 8680 ft 200 ft difference	Easy	3

Allowed Usage				
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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T5005, T5005A, T5005B, T5006, T5007, T5007A, T5007B, T5007C, and T5007D are shown as black dashed lines on the map. The roads FR5597 and FR5597B are shown as solid blue lines.

DESCRIPTION: Starting from its junction with T5005, T5005B provides easy access from the main part of Benson Canyon. It crosses a broad meadow with scattered trees on a wide, flat ridge between Benson Canyon and the unnamed canyon through which FR5597B passes. The trail ends at the upper end of FR5597B.

ACCESS: The northern end of T5005B is accessed by hiking up T5005 2.3 miles from its lower trailhead on FR164 or by hiking down T5005 2.2 miles from its upper trailhead on FR223.

The southern end of T5005B is reached from Bluff Springs. Begin in Cloudcroft at the US82 and NM130 intersection and drive NM130 south 1.8 miles. Turn right on NM6563, Sunspot Highway, and go to mile 8. Go another 0.5 mile and turn left on Rio Penasco Road (same as FR164 and County C017). Drive past the end of pavement at mile 1.9, to Bluff Springs at mile 3.7. Park there, or if a high clearance 4WD vehicle is available, open and close the gate on the opposite side of the road from the Bluff Springs parking and drive 0.2 mile up FR5597 to a fork. Continue straight ahead (FR5597 turns left) on FR5597B for 0.6 mile over an rough road (up to 18% grade) to a low, broad saddle. The signed trailhead for T5005B is at the end of the road.

Along the way to the trailhead, at mile 0.2 from its junction with FR5597, FR5597B passes, on the right, an impressive travertine formation deposited from spring water issuing through large tree roots below the edge of the road. Beyond here, the road traverses a scenic, impressive, rolling meadow of about a hundred acres.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Junction of T5005 and T5005B	N32 50 42.0 W105 44 22.1	430800 3634345
Lower (South) Trailhead	N32 50 13.5 W105 43 31.1	432120 3633458

Links to Other Resources

[Area Map](#)

[Sacramento Peak-Bluff Springs Topo Maps \(joined\)](#)

[Forest Service Resource](#)

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