

T5008

Wills Canyon Trail

Sacramento Ranger District



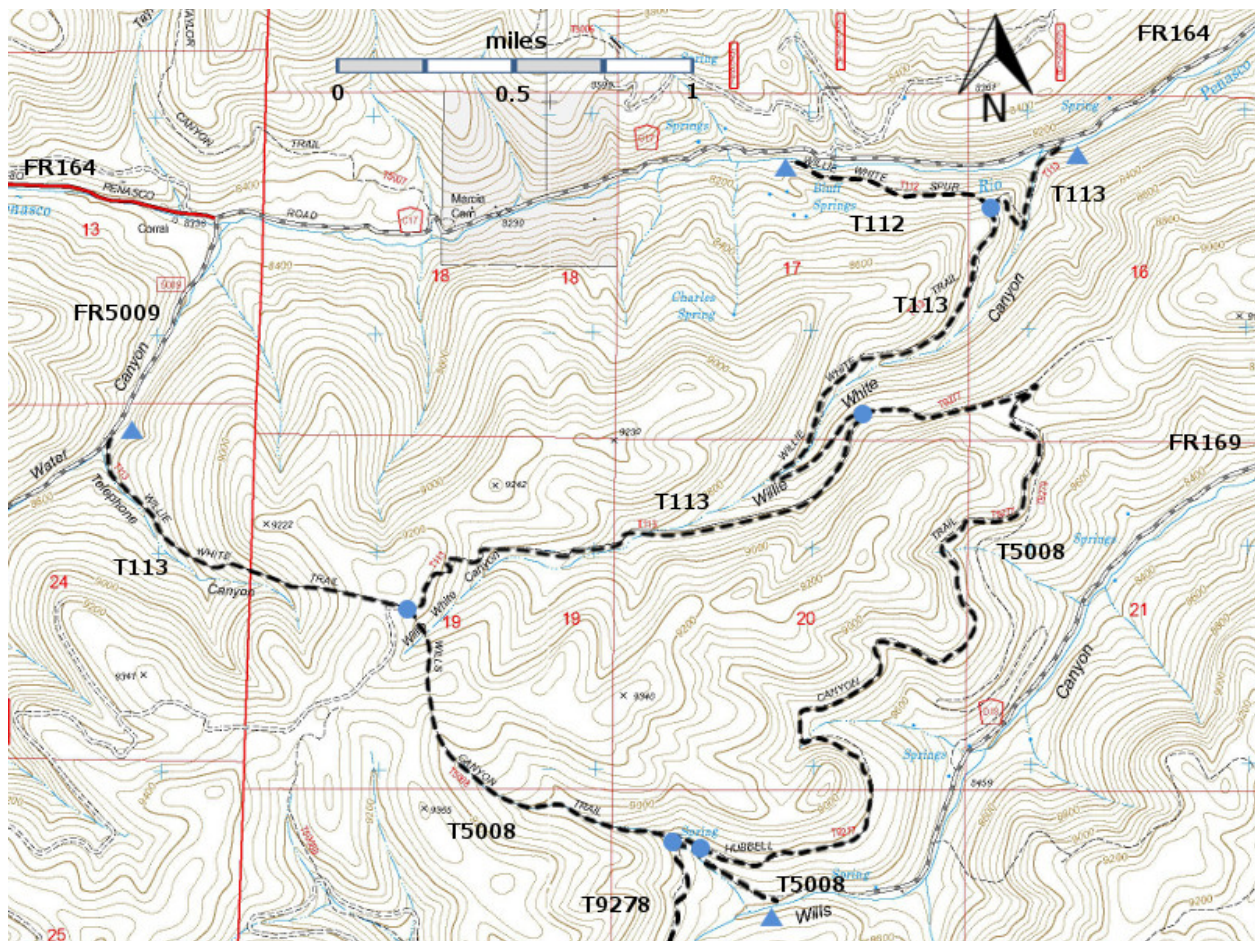
T5008 T5008spur

GPS Track (as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
4.4 miles	8700 - 9360 ft 660 ft difference	Moderate	4

Allowed Usage				
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



[Link to map color/symbol codes](#)

T112, T113, T5008, and T9278 (partial) are shown as black dashed lines on the map.

DESCRIPTION: T5008 has two junctions with T113. In addition, T5008 has a trailhead at the southern end of FR169, Upper Wills Canyon Road. From this trailhead, a 0.2 mile hike along this spur leads to a junction with the main portion of T5008, just east of the junction of T5008 with T9278.

Note: Between the T5008/T5008spur junction and the T5008/T9278 junction T5008 makes a very sharp curve to the right and then to the left. The curves are so tight that they cannot be shown on the map above.

T5008, when taken with the portion of T113 that lies between FR164 and the crest, makes an excellent loop trail. Hike T113 from its trailhead on FR164 to its junction with T5008 at the crest. Beginning at the signed T5008 trail end on the summit, an easily discernible path threads downward through forest that has not been cut for many decades. Beyond mile 0.7, nice views come into play. After steep descents, one passes the signed T9278 junction that connects T5008 with the trails in Hubbell and Upper Wills Canyons, T9277 and T9278. 300 feet past this junction, at mile 1.2 from the crest, T5008 forks. A spur leads to the trailhead at FR169 and the main path joins an old railroad grade, part of a logging railroad built in the 1920s. T5008 continues for 1.0 mile along a fairly level old railroad bed to a deteriorated wooden trestle. The remains of numerous rotting railroad ties are scattered along the route. After another 1.7 miles, *be sure to make a very sharp left turn* where the trail leaves one railroad grade to follow another. In 0.5 mile, T5008 rejoins T113. Total round trip distance starting from FR164 and returning to FR164 is 10.5 miles.

The shortest T5008/T113 loop starts at the upper (south) end of FR169. This eliminates the lower portion of T113, between FR164 and the lower T113/T5008 junction. Total distance 6.7 miles.

ACCESS: To access the T5008 trailhead at the upper end of FR169, Wills Canyon Road, and the midpoint of T5008, a high clearance vehicle is strongly recommended. Begin in Cloudcroft at the US82 and NM130 intersection and drive NM130 south 13 miles to milepost 13. Go another 0.1 mile; turn right on Upper Rio Penasco Road (same as FR164 and County C017), and follow the graveled road 1.0 mile. Turn left and follow Wills Canyon Road (same as FR169 and County D018) to its end in 9.4 miles. Hike the T5008 spur for 0.2 miles to its junction with the signed main portion of T5008. *Note: The last portion of FR169 can be muddy and rough.*

The upper end of FR169 provides trail users with access to a host of interesting routes. The junction of T9278 with T5008 is (1) 1.2 miles from the crest, the junction of the *upper* end of T5008 with T113, (2) 3.2 miles from the *lower* end of T5008 at its other junction with T113, and (3) 3.0 miles from FR64 via T9278.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Junction of T113 and T5008 (East)	N32 49 14.2 W105 44 04.4	431242 3631640
Junction of T5008 and T9278	N32 48 10.1 W105 44 37.6	430364 3629670
Junction of T113 and T5008 (Crest)	N32 48 44.5 W105 45 25.5	429126 3630740

Links to Other Resources

[Area Map](#)

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

[Forest Service Resource](#)

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