

T5009

Old Sunspot Highway Trail

Sacramento Ranger District

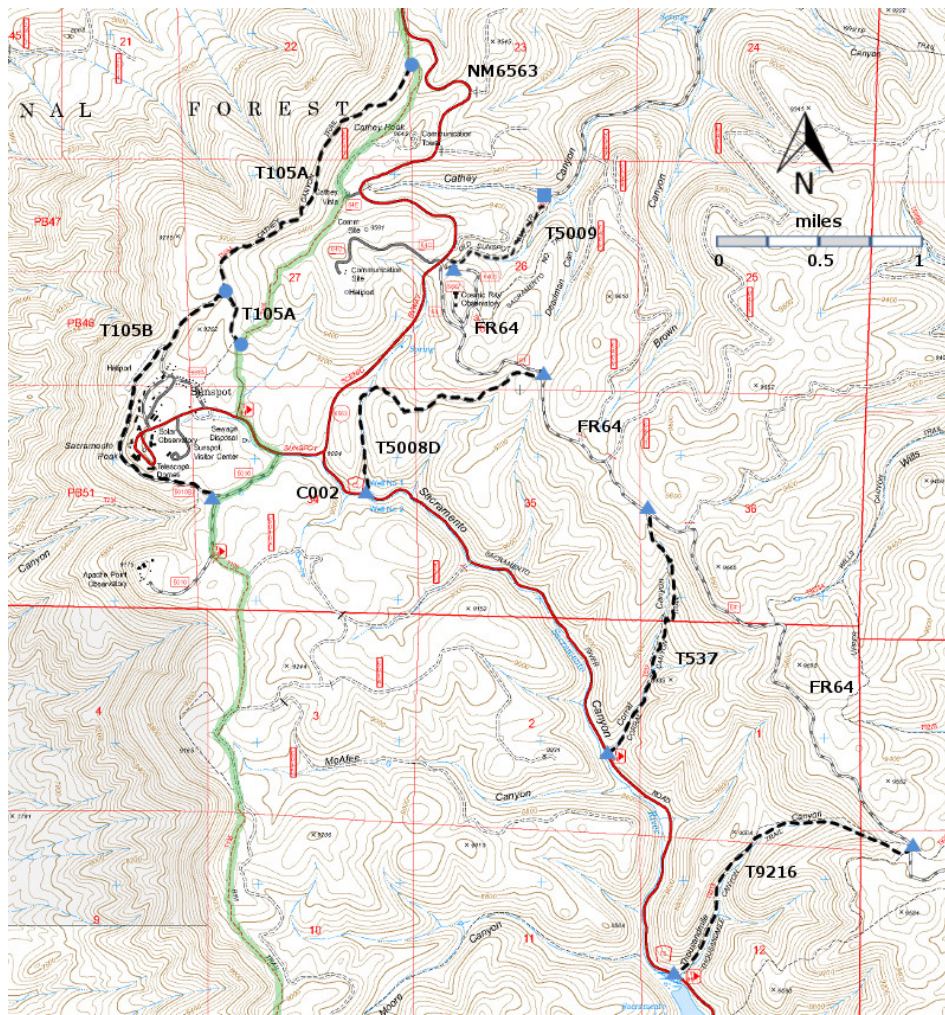


T5009
GPS Track (as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
0.7 miles	9080 - 9420 ft 340 ft difference	Easy	3

Allowed Usage				
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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

T105A, T105B, T537, T5008D, T5900, and T9216 are shown as black dashed lines on the map. T105 Rim Trail is shown as a green line.

DESCRIPTION: From the upper end, the first 200 feet of T5009 are quite rough. After 0.1 mile, it becomes a paved, 20 foot wide road, the former Sunspot Highway. The route is quite scenic, passing a nice meadow on the right and wooded slopes on the left. The trail ends at a barricade separating T5009 from FR5009, Water Canyon Road.

ACCESS: To reach the upper trailhead, begin in Cloudcroft at the NM130 and US82 intersection. Drive NM130 south 1.8 mile; turn right and follow NM6563, Sunspot Highway, 13 miles to milepost 13. Go another 0.1 mile, angle left on FR64 and park on the right, immediately after crossing the cattle guard. The signed T5009 trailhead is across the road.

To reach the lower trailhead, go to milepost 8 on NM6563. Drive 0.5 mile south from the milepost and turn left at the bottom of the hill on FR 164, also Rio Penasco (Bluff Springs) Road and County Road C017. Drive FR164 to the end of pavement at mile 1.9, which is also the junction with FR5009, Water Canyon Road. Turn right and follow FR5009 2.3 miles to its end at a barricade; this marks the lower T5009 trailhead.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Upper Trailhead (FR64)	N32 48 01.1 W105 47 49.1	425383 3629431
Lower Trailhead (FR5009)	N32 48 15.0 W105 47 19.9	426146 3629853

Links to Other Resources

[Area Map](#)

[Sacramento Peak Topo Map](#)

Last Hiked: 2005

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