

T5574

Dry Canyon Trail

Sacramento Ranger District



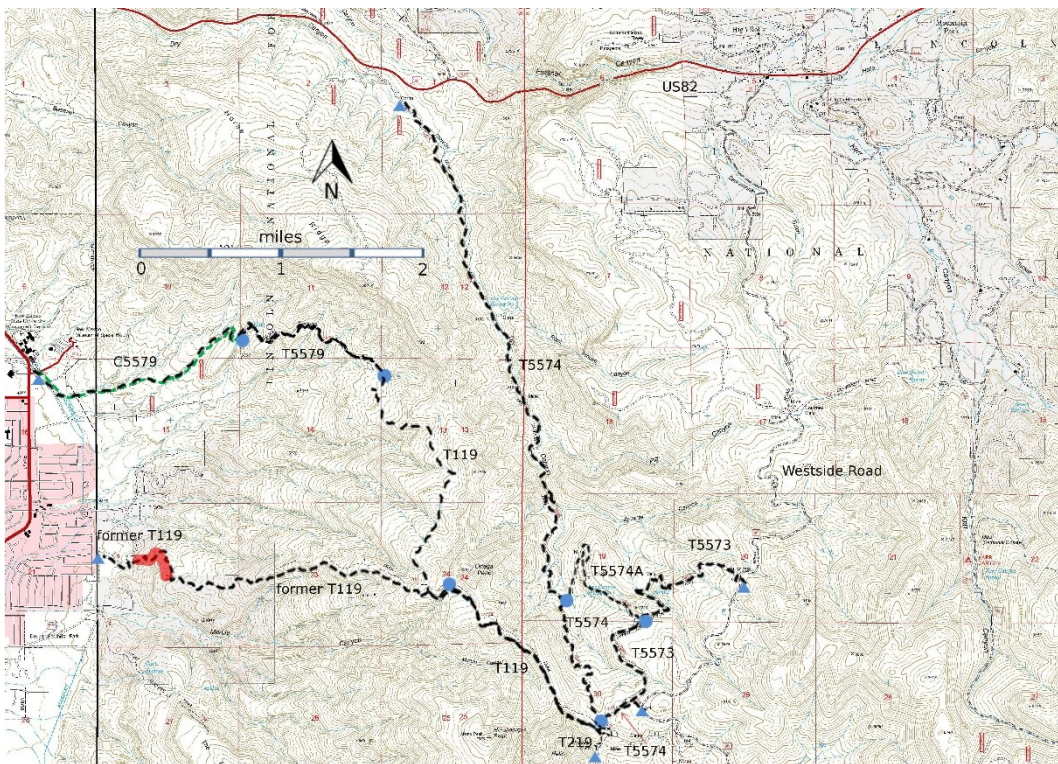
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GPS Track (as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
5.7 miles	5600 - 7250 ft 1650 ft difference	Difficult	2

Allowed Usage				
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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

T119, T219, T5573, T5574, and T5574A are shown as black dashed lines on the map.

DESCRIPTION: Beginning at its lower end in Dry Canyon, T5574 passes 3.2 miles along the bottom of the canyon. At mile 1.3, nearly vertical layers of limestone rock are adjacent to the trail for about 100

feet. At mile 1.4, the path passes a striking 4-branched, 15 foot high yucca as the route enters and crosses an especially scenic meadow.

At mile 1.7, look for the remnants of an old, narrow, road (*very easy to miss*) angling up a moderately steep slope just east of the trail. By using the High Rolls USGS map, consider seeking a way across a meadow to reach Dry Canyon Spring No. 2 in Rock House Canyon, an especially beautiful area with water and riparian vegetation.

At mile 2.2, a sign for T5574 marks the beginning on the right of a separate, unsigned, sometimes nonexistent, hiking trail that passes over the ridge to the west.

At mile 3.2, T5574 crosses an intermittent stream, just prior to making a sharp right turn. The obvious path leaves the canyon bottom by ascending one switchback to follow an old road along a bench. For a special treat just prior to the switchback, follow the stream (or dry stream bed) up the canyon for a few hundred feet to an excellent display of slick rock!

At mile 4.2(1.0 mile up trail from the switchback) is the signed junction with T5574A. NOTE: T5574A, branching from T5574, provides another way to reach the head of Dry Canyon via T5573. However, the route is much rockier, longer, and harder to traverse than T5574. By this trail, it is 2.2 miles to parking at the upper T5574 trailhead compared to 1.6 miles if one stays on T5574 to arrive at the same destination.

T5574 meets T119 on the saddle separating Dry Canyon from Hells Hole, a tributary canyon of Caballero Canyon. Turn left to reach the parking area at the T5574 trailhead in 0.4 mile. T219, Hells Hole Trail, branches from T119 just 50 feet west of the T5574 junction with T119. See the write-up for T219 for a worthwhile hike down that short trail.

ACCESS: To reach the upper trailhead for T5574, begin in High Rolls at the junction of US82 with Westside Road (same as FR90 and County A061), across from the (now closed) convenience store. Drive on Westside Road south 6.9 miles to the signed T5575 trailhead on the right.

To reach the lower T5574 trailhead from High Rolls, drive US82 west to milepost 6. From Alamogordo, drive US82 east to milepost 5. The entrance to Dry Canyon is on the south side of the highway, halfway between these mileposts. Cross a cattle guard and drive 0.4 mile up canyon (0.2 mile beyond an unused concrete trough on left) to the signed trailhead.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Junction of T119 and T5574	N32 53 02.4 W105 51 09.6	420243 3638751
Junction of T5574 and T5574A	N32 53 42.0 W105 51 44.0	419358 3639976
Lower Trailhead	N32 56 38.5 W105 52 48.2	417734 3645425

Links to Other Resources

[Area Map](#)

[Alamogordo North - High Rolls Topo Map \(joined\)](#)

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