

T9666A

Lick Ridge Trail

Sacramento Ranger District



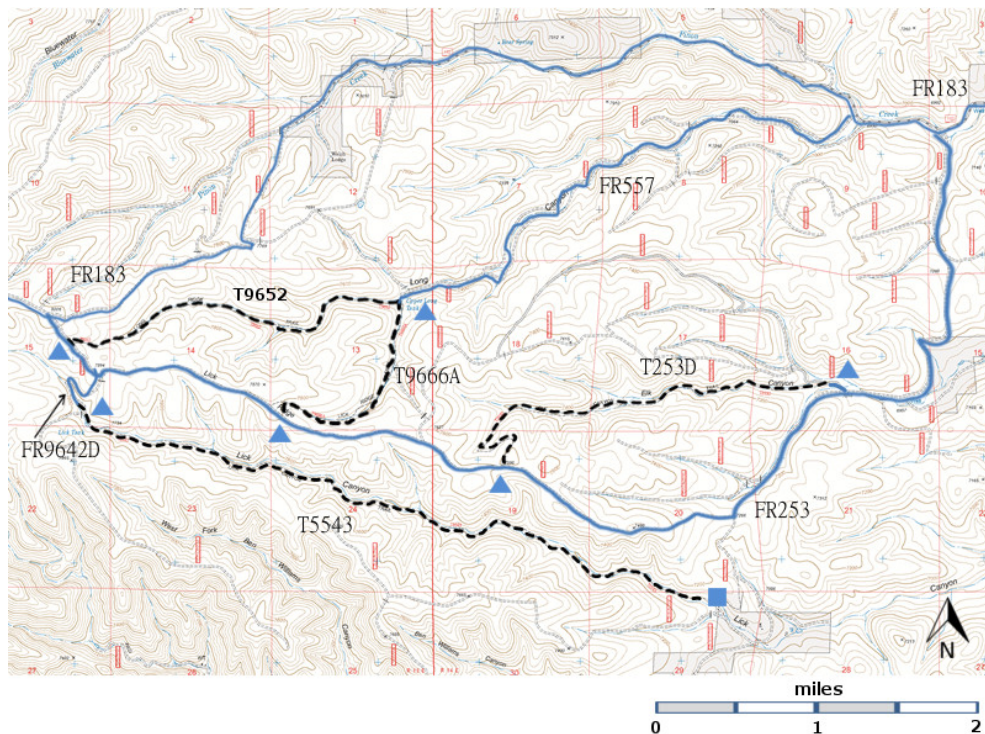
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GPS Track (as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
1.4 miles	7420 - 7820 ft 400 ft difference	Moderate	2

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

T253D, T5543, T9646F, T9652, and T9666A are shown as black dashed lines on the map

DESCRIPTION: T9666A follows a very old timber road going up canyon.

From the lower trailhead, at mile 0.5, the trail seems to cross a small draw and to follow an old road bed, the now closed FR9666A. Do not cross the draw. Rather, look ahead and slightly to the right. Go past

three cairns, spaced a few yards apart, and look for an old road leading up that canyon. Follow this road, which crosses over to the south side of the draw. Continue along the south side of the draw – the road becomes indistinct. Continue in the same direction, with the draw on your right. Eventually the draw disappears. At this point, look for an open area with stumps of trees and follow that route to a carsonite sign and an old road. Turn left and hike about 75 yards to the upper T9666A trailhead, where there is a large information sign.

If one begins at the upper trailhead, go past the large information sign and look for a carsonite sign with an arrow directing you to turn right. Follow the open area with multiple tree stumps to the head of the draw. Once you find the draw, you are in good shape, keep it on your left and within a few tenths of a mile, the old road will appear. Follow the old road down canyon -- It eventually crosses the draw -- and after a few tenths of a mile, look for a draw that leads to the left. T9666A follows the west side of this draw to its lower trailhead.

T9666A, T9652, and the portion of FR253 connecting their upper trailheads make a nice loop hike.

CAUTION: FR253 can be a really tough drive. There are large rocks and/or ledges. In the wet season it can be soft and muddy. Even when it is dry, there may be deep ruts. In recent years many dead trees have fallen across FR253, and they may block the road.

ACCESS: You may wish to hike more than one trail when you make the drive to the (remote) Piñon Draw area. The write up for T253D contains a table giving distances between the trailheads and a table giving trail lengths and altitude changes. The eastern intersection of FR183 and FR253 is 6.0 miles from NM 24.

Lower Trailhead: From the eastern intersection of FR183 and FR253 drive 0.5 miles along FR183 to the signed intersection with FR557 on the left. Drive FR557 for 3.6 miles and park in the open area near a cattle tank. The well-signed trailhead is just across a small draw. T9652 leaves from the same trailhead.

Upper Trailhead: From the eastern intersection of FR183 and FR253, drive 6.7 miles along FR253 to the signed upper trailhead for T9666A on the right.

Alternate Route: A second route from another direction can reach the upper trailhead, although it includes a road segment that is not passable when wet. Return to the east end of FR 253 at FR 183. *Zero your trip odometer here.* Continue west along FR183 to mile 4.3, site of a well-kept former ranger station, now privately owned. The graveled road ends here (end of county maintenance), and a short, often muddy segment begins straight ahead, and continues to about mile 4.5. Continue following FR 183 to mile 6.6 at an intersection with FR 253; two large water storage tanks are on the left. In the following paragraphs this point is referred to as the western intersection of FR183 and FR253.. Turn left onto FR253. *Zero your trip odometer again.*

Lower Trailhead: The lower trailhead should be accessed as described in the first set of instructions.

Upper Trailhead: From the western intersection of FR183 and FR253, drive 1.6 miles along FR253 to the signed upper trailhead for T9666A on the left. At the triangular junction with FR9642D, take the left fork for FR253.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Upper Trailhead	N32 38 55.8 W105 34 33.5	445982 3612504
Lower Trailhead	N32 39 33.3 W105 33 43.9	447282 3613651

Links to Other Resources

[Link to Full Topo Map](#)

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