

T47 Goat Canyon Trail

Smokey Bear Ranger District

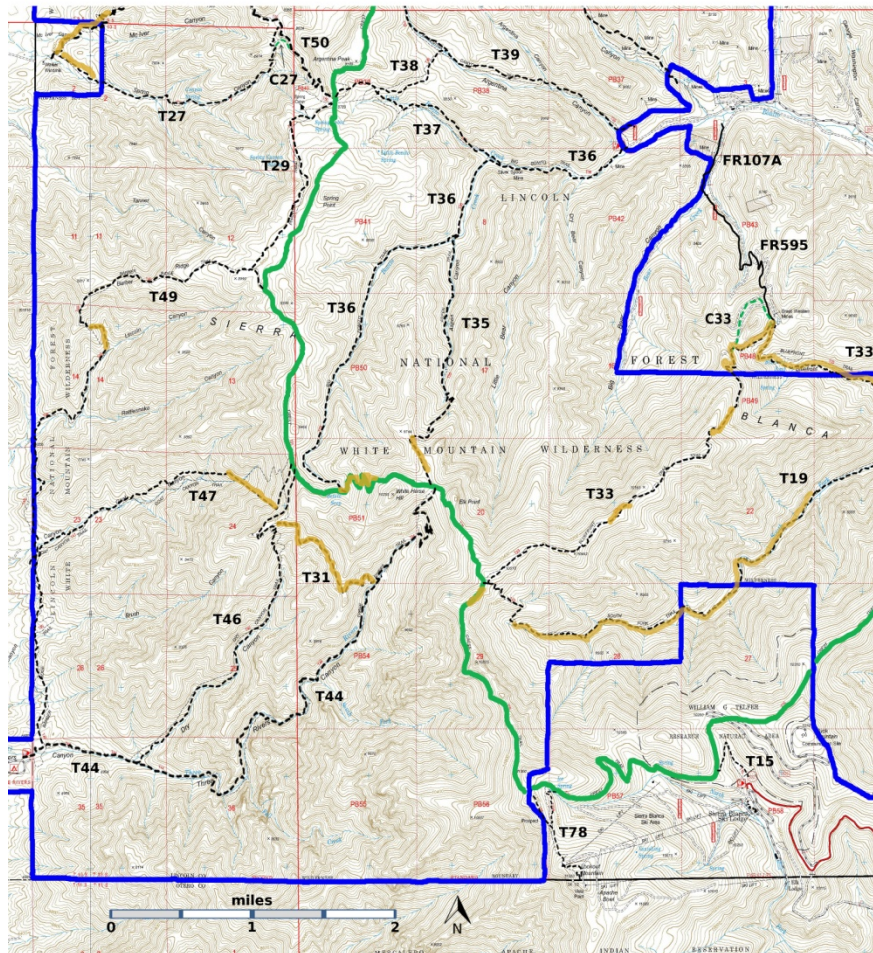


T47
GPS Track (as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
2.3 miles See Text	6680 - 8920 ft 2240 ft difference	Difficult	2

Allowed Usage				



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

T15, T19 (partial), T27, T29, T31, T33 (partial), T35, T36, T38, T39, T44, T46, T47, T49, T50 (partial), and T78 are shown as labeled, black dashed lines on the map. The solid blue line is the border of the White Mountain Wilderness. The solid green line is T25 Crest Trail. Yellow over a trail indicates that that portion of the trail is intermittent or hard to follow. The map image may be downloaded through the White Mountain Wilderness link below. The image can then be expanded and/or manipulated at high resolution.

NOTE: The upper portion of T47 Goat Canyon Trail is shown incorrectly on the current Forest Service maps. T47 does not intersect T46 Dry Canyon Trail.

DESCRIPTION: At the lower end, the junction of T47 Goat Canyon Trail and T49 Barber Ridge Trail is marked by a large cairn and good signs. The trail follows the bottom of the canyon as it ascends into a Ponderosa forest. If one hikes from the upper end, the junction with T25 Crest Trail, there is a clear tread that can be followed. Hint: Stand at the trailhead sign and look to the southwest, about 45 degrees from the Crest Trail. Look for a small cairn and a faint path. As you follow the path, it becomes more distinct as it runs at edge of the wooded area.

So far, so good. What about the middle section, that straight line on the map? The straight line – almost guaranteed to arouse suspicion – marks the approximate boundary between an open, partially brushy meadow and a wooded area that is crossed by T47 switchbacks and multiple animal trails. I have not yet been able to follow and mark a good path through the wooded area.

Here are my recommendations for hiking T47.

When coming from the lower end, T47 follows the canyon bottom. Hike for 1.7 miles to a point where the trail is on the south side of the main drainage and a small drainage from the southeast comes near to the trail. There is a line of rocks along the right side of the trail at this point, to encourage hikers to bend to the left and follow the trail, which becomes more and more indistinct as it enters the brushy woods. Use this small drainages as your guide – not necessarily your path -- and work your way up into the brushy meadow. After 0.4 miles of this relatively steep hike, the woods on the left give way to a meadow on the left. Bear left and follow the edge of the woods until you find the tread of the trail.

When coming from the upper end, T47 follows the edge of the brushy woods. When the brushy meadow opens on the right, find the drainage, and using it as your guide – not necessarily your path – follow it for 0.4 miles to the line of rocks and the clear path of T47 along the canyon bottom. As T47 nears its junction with T49, you will need to cross the drainage one last time. Look for a chance to do so at a small erosion channel. There is a path that continues straight at this point, and if you take it you will intersect T49 north of the T47/T49 junction.

T47 Goat Canyon Trail is a work in progress. Check back in Summer 2016 for an improved description.

ACCESS: The junction of T47 and T49 is 1.8 miles from the junction of T44 and T49. The upper end of T47 is a junction with T25 Crest Trail. The T46/T25 and T47/T25 junctions are

about 20 yards apart. The view at the summit is spectacular, with Goat Canyon on the west and Bonito Canyon on the east!

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Junction of T47 and T25	N33 25 49.8 W105 50 53.6	418007 3698518
Upper End of Straight Line	N33 25 37.9 W105 51 00.7	420963 3698971
Lower End of Straight Line	N33 25 47.5 W105 51 21.9	420418 3699271
Junction of T47 and T49	N33 25 22.4 W105 52 55.0	421148 3699336

Links to Other Resources

[White Mountain Wilderness Trails-p2 \(8 MB\)](#)

[Godfrey Peak Topo Map](#)

[Nogal Peak Topo Map](#)

[WMW Forest Service Resource](#)

[Three Rivers Trailhead \[1996 Information\]](#)

Last Hiked: 11/6/2015

1/3/2020