

T50
Doherty Ridge Trail
Smokey Bear Ranger District

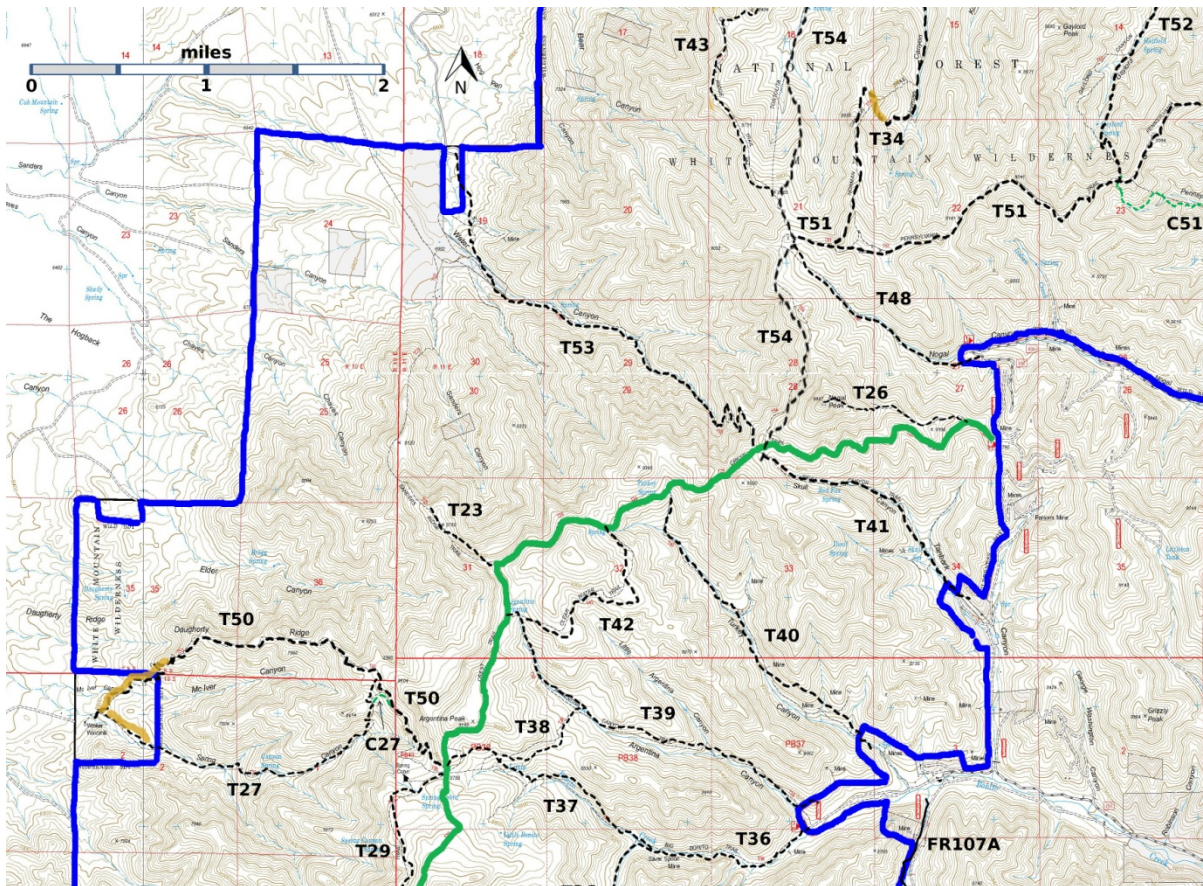


T50
 GPS Track (as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
4.2 miles	6760 - 8780 ft 2020 ft difference	Difficult	3

Allowed Usage				



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

T23, T26, T27, T29 (partial), T34 (partial), T36 (partial), T37, T38, T39, T40, T41, T42, T43 (partial), T48, T50, T51 (partial), T52 (partial), T53, and T54 (partial) 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: It is difficult, if not impossible, to obtain permission to cross private land between US54 and Walker Windmill at the lower T50 trailhead. Therefore, both trails must be accessed from the upper T50 trailhead. Since both ends of T27 branch off T50, the two trails taken together make a nice loop route.

DESCRIPTION: At mile 0.4 down T50 from T25 is a superior view of the lower, west portion of the White Mountain Wilderness, distant Tularosa Basin, and mountains beyond. The upper section of the trail is easy to follow and passes through oak dominated areas, as well as a beautiful expanse of Ponderosa pine. At mile 0.9 T50 passes to the side of an open ridge, a nice spot for camping. The single path trail descends the brushy ridge, with occasional iron posts as guides. One iron post is on the ground, and hikers should use it as an arrow to guide them to the next portion of visible tread. As the trail descends into the grassy area, the tread becomes harder to find and follow. T50 ends at Walker Windmill (no longer operating). It is strongly recommended that hikers download the GPX tracks for T27, C27 and T50 and use them to follow these little used trails.

ACCESS: To find the upper T50 trailhead from Smokey Bear Ranger District Office in Ruidoso, drive NM48 north 8.3 miles to NM37. Turn left and follow NM37 1.3 miles to FR107, Rio Bonito Road (signed Bonito Lake). Turn left and follow the narrow 2-lane, sometimes rough, paved road past Bonito Lake. Go beyond the end of the pavement, through the riding stable area, to the end of the road at mile 8.3. Corrals are here for those with horses. Camping is also permitted. After parking, follow T36, Big Bonito Trail, 1.2 miles to T37, Little Bonito Trailhead. Follow T37 for 1.5 miles to its upper end with T25 Crest Trail. This is also the common trailhead for T50 that descends the west side of the White Mountains. Look for a relatively new T50 sign about 35 yards northwest of this junction.

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Junction of T25 and T50	N33 28 03.8 W105 50 35.4	421653 3703458
Lower Trailhead	N33 28 18.6 W105 52 51.6	418140 3703943

Links to Other Resources

[White Mountain Wilderness Trails-p3 \(6 MB\)](#)

[Godfrey Peak Topo Map](#)

[Nogal Peak Topo Map](#)

[WMW Forest Service Resource](#)

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