## T71A Goat Spring Trail



T71A GPS Track (as .GPX)

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## **Smokey Bear Ranger District**

LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
1.7 miles	6900 - 7480 ft 580 ft difference	Easy	2





Link to map color/symbol codes

T71, T71A, T72, T74, and T75 (partial) are shown as black dashed lines on the map. 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**: Many years ago, a seven mile long trail -- Tucson Mountain Trail -- ran from FR441 across Tucson Mountain and down its eastern slope. That trail was numbered T71. Only two segments of that trail are now in use. T71A connects FR441 and FR84, and T71 begins at the summit of Tucson Mountain and runs down its eastern slope. However, the signage at both ends of the present T71A still says "T71 Tucson Mountain Trail". To add to the confusion, at the time of the 2002 edition of the Trail Guide: Lincoln National Forest, the present T71A was numbered T71.

**DESCRIPTION:** T71A connects FR441 and FR84. It passes south of Goat Mountain along the bottom of an unnamed canyon, usually near a normally dry arroyo, through mixed conifers and oaks. It also crosses several open areas. At mile 1.5 from FR441 is the picturesque Goat Spring. The maximum, although infrequent, grade is 25%.

At the trailhead on FR441, there is a sign but not visible tread. Look to the east for a gap between two large trees,. Hike through that gap and pick up the trail as it descends into the drainage -- look for a big log across the drainage.

**ACCESS:** To reach the western trailhead of T71A along FR441, Carrizo Mountain Road, begin in Carrizozo at the intersection of US380 and US54. Drive US380 east 8.7 miles to signed County Road A010, also signed FR441. Turn left and pass through a metal archway. At mile 4.9, angle right at the O Bar O Headquarters area; at mile 5.3, drive through the gate (leaving it open/closed as you find it), and proceed over rough, dry weather road to mile 6.4. The signed T71A trailhead is on the right, just across the road from the sign for T74, Johnnie Canyon Trail. The large signboard here reads Tucson Mountain Trail instead of Goat Spring Trail.

A high clearance vehicle, preferably 4WD, is needed to reach the eastern trailhead. From the US380 and US54 intersection in Carrizozo, drive US380 east 13.6 miles to milepost 79. Just beyond milepost 79 turn left on County Road C011 and follow it. At mile 1.6 from US380, C011 ends and FR84 begins as a very rough and rutty primitive road [LM: "This is the roughest road I have been on, lots of basketball sized rocks.]. At mile 4.6, continue beyond the earthen tank on the left along FR84 to mile 6.2. The trailhead on the left is in a meadow on the downhill side, marked by a sign.

## **GPS** Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Western Trailhead	N33 40 16.9 W105 40 35.1	437295 3725924
Eastern Trailhead	N33 39 45.4 W105 39 15.8	439330 3724939

## Links to Other Resources

Jicarilla/Carrizo Area Map-p1 (5 MB) White Oaks South Topo Map

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