

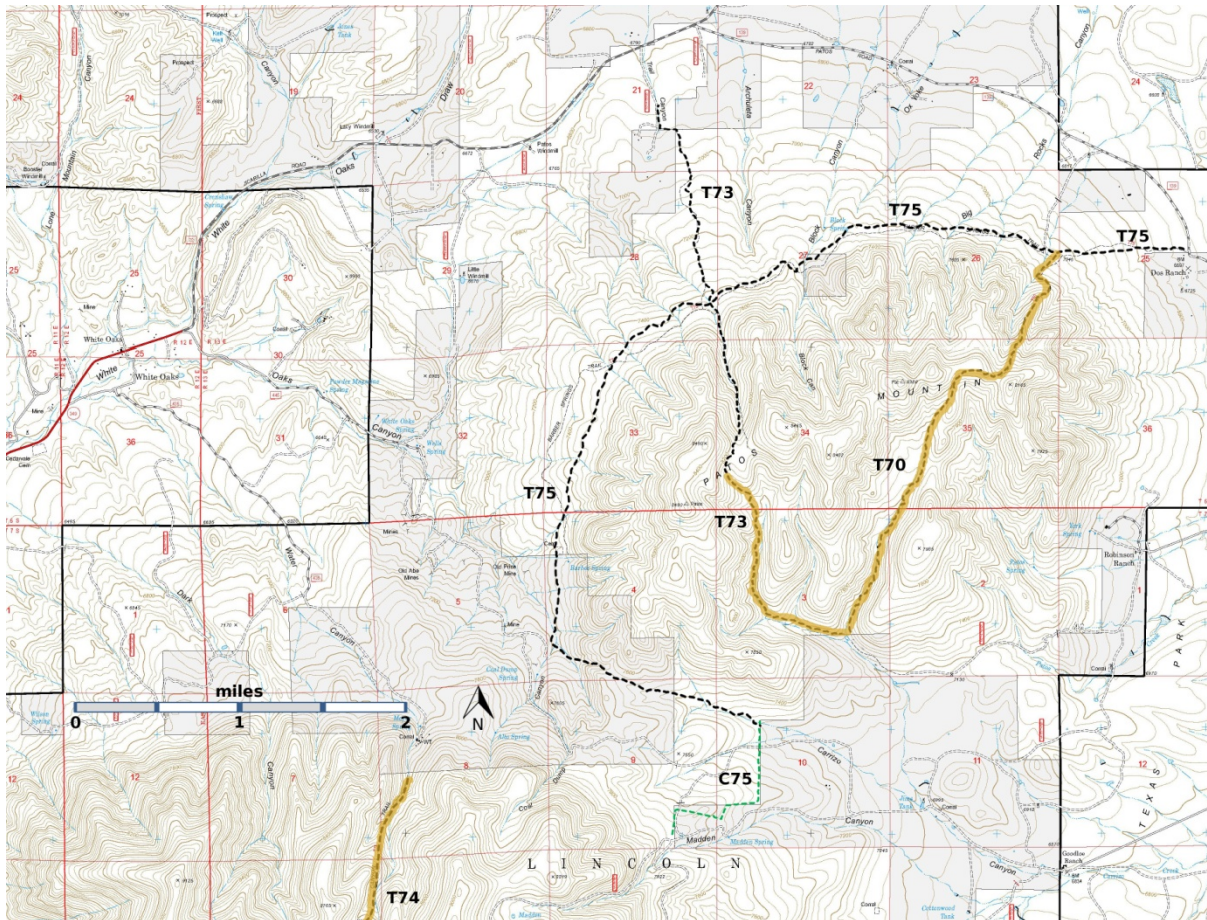
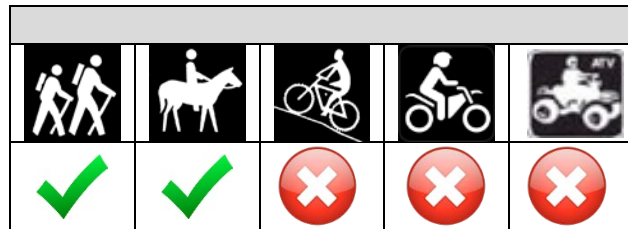
T75 Barber Springs Trail Smokey Bear Ranger District



T75
GPS Track(as .GPX)

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LENGTH	ELEVATION	DIFFICULTY	SCENERY
7.8 miles	6700 - 7500 ft 800 ft difference	Moderate	2



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

T70, T73, T74 (partial), and T75 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: John Stockert found that, due to the 1994 Patos Mountain Fire, it was extremely difficult to follow T75 more than a mile from its lower (northeast) trailhead. In 2016, I made several hikes to rehabilitate T75 and provide a visible path. Hikers will need to watch for cairns and stones/old logs used as lane markers and as blocking markers for spurious trails. With a bit of care, this (mostly) lovely trail can be hiked by following tread and trail markers.

DESCRIPTION:

T75 is the best of the three officially recognized trails in the Patos Mountains. Average maximum gradient is 25%. From the northeast trailhead, look for an old barbed wired fence. Keep this fence visible on your left until T75 emerges on to a severely eroded old road bed. Beyond mile 1.0, T75 passes in and out of charred forest. By mile 2.5, the route leaves the severely burned areas. At mile 3.2, T73 breaks away from T75 to the left and heads up Trail Canyon. Along T75, at mile 4.8, is a magnificent but brief view across a splendid mountain valley to Carrizo Peak.

Barber Springs, at mile 5.2, is at the upper edge of a distinctive marsh, perhaps a thousand square feet in size. The unusual terrain consists of a soggy area, dotted with a multitude of thick grass mounds a foot or more in diameter, and interlaced with small hidden streamlets. Note: A portion of T75, south from Barber Springs, is on private land for about 1.5 miles and could, therefore, be closed at any time.

At mile 6.2, the path crosses a broad saddle, the trail's high point. The route continues downhill to the trail end at fence, marked with a cairn.

ACCESS: In an area with many bad roads, access to the northeast trailhead of T75 is surprisingly easy. From the intersection of US54 and US380 in Carrizozo, drive 3.3 miles north on US54 to paved County Road 349. Follow Co349 for 8.5 miles to the old mining town of White Oaks. The road continues as FR72, a well-maintained gravel road. Follow FR72 for 4.1 miles to the intersection with FR139 (Patos Road). Turn right and follow FR139 for 3.5 miles. The T75 trailhead is just west of the cattle guard. The sign is old and is several yards south of FR139. Look for a Forest Service "hiker sign".

It is possible to walk on public land from the official south end of T75 to FR441, Carrizo Peak Road, *but no trails exist*. Begin at the south end of T75 and hike south and west along a private boundary fence line. The route is 1.3 miles long, occasionally rough, and crosses ridges. The main advantage for taking this route is to avoid backtracking the full length of T75. The path, C75 (shown as a green dashed line on the map), emerges near a gate to private property just off FR441, where FR441 makes a sharp left turn to go up to the T72 trailhead and the Madden Peak communications site. The GPX track for this "fence line" path can be downloaded from the **Links to Other Resources** section. The fence separates Forest Service land from the [Carizo](#)

[Valley Ranch](#), whose owners have worked for years to restore the damaged ranch land. Your eyes will be attracted to the beautiful results!

GPS Coordinates for Key Points

NAD83	Lat/Lon hddd mm ss.s	UTM (13 S)
Northeast Trailhead	N33 45 29.5 W105 37 39.9	441864 3735522
South Trailhead	N33 42 53.4 W105 39 46.0	438590 3730734

Links to Other Resources

[Jicarilla/Carrizo Area Map-p2 \(6 MB\)](#)

[White Oaks South Topo Map](#)

[White Oaks North Topo Map](#)

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Last Hiked: 5/21/2016

1/3/2020