

TRESTLE RECREATION AREA TRAILS



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The Trestle Recreation Area Trails can be enjoyed individually or combined in a variety of ways.

Getting to the Trailheads:

- From Cloudcroft, head west on US Hwy 82
- Just a few hundred feet out of town, turn left into the Trestle Recreation Area
- If the gate is closed, go back toward town and park in the area right before Hwy 130
- From there, the Village Spur Trail T-5001A leads to the Trestle Recreation Area

Trail Mileage (One-Way Distances)

TRAIL #	TRAIL NAME	MILES
T-5001	Cloud Climbing Trestle Trail	1.3
T-5001A*	Village Spur Trail	0.3
T-5001B	The Overlook Trail	0.3
T-5001C	Crossover Trail	0.3
T-5001D**	Devil's Elbow Overlook	0.3
T-5002*	Old Cloudcroft Hwy Trail	2.5
T-5003*	Toboggan Canyon Trail	1.1
T-5004	Switchback Trail (round trip)	3.2

ELEVATION – 7,700 to 8,700 ft

DIFFICULTY – Easy to Moderate

IDEAL SEASONS – Early Spring to late Fall

* Multi-Use Trail - Motorized & Equestrian use

**T5001D - paved handicap accessible trail (not shown due to scale)

Switchback Trail, T-5004 - 3.2 mile loop

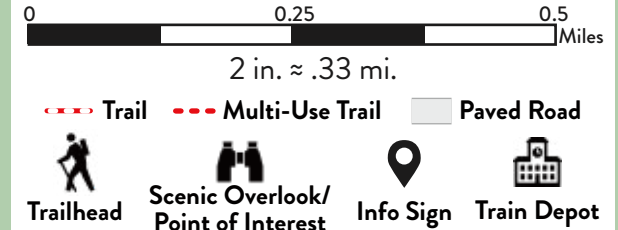
Getting to the Trailhead:

- From Cloudcroft head west on US HWY 82 for 2 mi.
- Turn right onto Bailey Canyon Road (FR-206)
- Look for the trailhead on the left just past the cattle guard

Trail Description:

- The trail traverses above the US HWY 82 for 2 mi.
- At the second shelter, learn about the switchback feature of the railway
- Cross over HWY 82 on the Harkey Pedestrian Bridge
- Go up Old Cloudcroft Highway, T-5002
- You'll reach the split of the T-5002 and T-5004 trails
- Go left 0.5 mi., through the pedestrian tunnel, into Bailey Canyon
- Veer left up the trail, back to the parking area where you started

LEGEND



Cloud Climbing Trestle Trail, T-5001 - 2.5 Miles Round Trip

Trail Description:

- From the Depot take Overlook trail, T-5001B for .2 mi.
- Continue down to merge into the Cloud Climbing Trestle Trail, T-5001
- Veer right on T-5001. In .8 mile you will reach the Mexican Canyon Trestle
- You will encounter several trail junctions along the way; When in doubt, go right

Alternate Return Route:

- Return to the junction of T-5001/T-5001B
- Stay on T-5001 that goes through the Devil's Elbow
- Walk the railroad grade around the mountain
- At the end of T-5001 take a left to join T-5001A, completing your 2.8 mi. journey

Crossover Trail T-5001C

Trail Description:

- Take the Cloud Climbing Trestle Trail, T-5001
- At approximately .5 mi. down, take a left at the trail junction, on to 5001C
- Take the short hike through several tight switchbacks
- You'll get to the shelter at the Old Cloudcroft Highway Trail, T-5002
- Head left (uphill) on T-5002 for 1.0 mi.
- Connecting with T-5001A will return you to the Trestle Recreation Area
- Heading right (downhill) for 0.7 mi. will connect you to the Switchback Trail, T-5004

