

Bull Ranch Trail

(9.3 km loop or 6 km cut-off loop on dirt road and USFS trail)

Directions:

Exit I-15 south of Butte at Feeley and proceed west into the mountains to Beaver Dam Camp Ground. Turn right (north) just prior to the campground on FS Road #8505 and continue on for another 3 km to the Bull Ranch TH sign which is to the right side of the road.

Description:

About 50 more meters down (north) on the road, the trail crosses through the western fence. The route has been widened by four-wheelers most of the way. The footing is sandy for the first two thirds and the last third returns downhill to the TH again on FS Rd #8505. The sandy soil drains and dries swiftly after rain, but a few low spots in the first third of the trail can retain rain water, but are easily side-stepped.

Feeley Road is where the Continental Divide Trail crosses I-15. The CDT exits Feeley Road again where the forest starts at Rocky Ridge TH. The Rocky Ridge Trail joins the Bull Ranch Trail at the loop's counter clockwise 2.6 km point. The CDT then follows the Bull Ranch Loop's northern edge for 4.3 km before splitting off north.

If 9.3K is too far, you can take the inner 6K cut-off trail.

Negatives:

There is some branching on the trail that is tricky to figure out.
Free of snow only during mosquito season. Be sure to bring protection from bugs.