



Trail 50-- Spiro Trail

Duration: 1 hour

Distance: 2 miles out-and-back

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead: Spiro Trailhead

Elevation: Trailhead: 6915'; End/Intersection with ski run 7443'

Avalanche: Low

Map: Park City West 7.5' quad

GPS Coordinates: None

Dogs: Allowed; if they are stocked, there are even doggie doo-doo bags available at the trailhead.

Introduction: Like most of the Park City routes, the Spiro trail is easily accessed. Spiro can boast that it is one of the local favorites--even the touring companies use this trail to give their clients a quick, local snowshoe jaunt. During the summer, the Spiro trail is a connector mountain bike and hiking route that intersects the Mid Mountain trail.

The route provides close-up views of the Park City Ski Resort – lifts and runs included. The trail actually cuts right between runs. A nice stopping point is when it intersects one of the ski runs a mile up the mountain. Because of a giant development project, the trailhead, at this time, sits adjacent to a wire fence used to close off the development and any number of construction machines at use at the time. Parking is not allowed at the trailhead. Trail users are encouraged to park at Park City Mountain resort and shuttle or walk to the trailhead. The trail is usually well traveled and thus easy to follow. This trail provides a quick, fun outing.

How to get there: From UT 224 in Park City, turn right onto Silver King Drive. Turn right again at Three Kings. Turn left on Crescent road and follow it around the corner. The trailhead sits just past the corner on the right.

Trail description: To begin, the trail winds up the hill to the south from the trailhead. At first the trail is open, but winds quickly into naked trees as it climbs right up the mountain between two ski slopes. The trail cuts switchbacks to make the climb less strenuous. At .22 mile the view into Park City opens. Park City ski runs and skiers are visible to the left. Spiro trail winds up this north-facing side of the mountain. At .72 miles you'll find a bench facing north from the trail and looking out over the country club and city below. At one mile the trail runs smack dab into a Park City ski run to the west and you must turn around and head back down. Cutting off trail and through powder can be fun on this trail.