



Trail 58--Deer Creek-Dry Creek Loop

Duration: 1.5 hours

Distance: 3 mile loop

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead: Tibble Fork Reservoir parking area

Elevation: Tibble Fork parking area 6389'; Deer Creek trailhead inside Granite Flat Campground 6825'; Dry Creek trailhead found along Silver Lake Flats road 7021'

Avalanche: Known avalanche paths

Map: Timpanogos Cave 7.5' quadrangle

GPS Coordinates: Dry Creek--12 T 0444341/4482653

Dogs: Allowed on leash

Introduction: This nice little loop starts out in a quaint wooded area, but in addition to the fresh trek through the woods, the last section of the trail provides an enjoyable, long, downhill stretch with expansive views to the south. This trail combines forest trekking with wide open views – not something you get on many trails.

How to get there: From the fee booth up Hwy 92/American Fork Canyon, travel 4.75 miles to a fork in the road. Take the left fork for another 2 miles to the Tibble Fork Reservoir Parking Area. Park here.

Trail description: On the far east side of the parking area, a snow-groomed road exits and heads northwest up the south side of the mountain as it climbs toward Granite Flat Campground. Just inside Granite Flat Campground, on the right, is the very visible trailhead sign. The trail begins here. Follow the trail straight north along this route through the trees. At .25 of a mile the trail forks to the left and begins to head in a northwest direction. You should be able to tell where the fork is because of the natural space between the trees. At just under a half mile a sign marks the Lone Peak Wilderness—Uinta National Forest. Here, turn sharply to the east. This eastern route through the trees will terminate at the trailhead found along the Silver Lake Flat road. Again, the clearing through the trees and the easterly direction will help you make your way to this road if no trail has been made. Once on the Silver Lake Flat road, head down the road and enjoy the gorgeous views of cliffs, peaks, evergreen-strewn slopes, and Tibble Fork reservoir below. The trail will dump you at the mouth of Granite Flat campground where you can return down the .8 mile approach to your car.