



Mesa Top to Mesa Top

Stoner Mesa Trail #624, Stoner Creek #625,
Spring Creek #627 & Twins Springs East #739 &
West #741



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The combination of these five trails can take you from the West Dolores River corridor, across Stoner Mesa, down into Stoner Creek and up to Taylor Mesa. Or you can use each trail individually. Please note that travel restrictions vary from one trail to the next. Pay attention to signage and consult a San Juan National Forest map to be sure of the travel designations. Where motorcycles can currently be used on the Stoner Mesa, and Twin Springs trails, they can only run on the upper portions of the Stoner Creek and the lower section of the Spring Creek trails. Designation of Motor and Non-Motorized travel may change when the Travel Management Environmental Analysis is completed for the Rico-West Dolores Landscape. ATVs are not allowed on single track trails.

Stoner Mesa #624 – 11.4 miles in length; trailhead is located on the West Dolores Road #535 at the Lower Stoner Trailhead. The trail begins once you cross the West Dolores River via a footbridge. The trail climbs Stoner Mesa with a series of switch backs until you reach the top of the mesa. The trail wanders through aspen forests and open meadows. The upper end turns into ponderosa pine and eventually you end up in a spruce-fir zone with views of Nipple Mountain and the mesa country to the west and east. The trail merges with the Stoner Mesa Road #686 where you can leave a shuttle vehicle and end your journey here.

Another option is to continue past the Stoner Mesa Road until the trail intersects with the Twin Springs trails. These trails can offer a short loop (2.4 miles if combined) or provide alternative access to the Stoner Creek and Spring Creek trails.

East Twins Springs #741 - 1.4 miles in length; provides access to the upper portion of the Spring Creek and the Eagle Peak trails.

West Twin Springs # 739 – 1.0 mile in length, drops off the east side of Stoner Mesa into Stoner Creek and intersects with the Stoner Creek Trail.

Stoner Creek # 627 – 11.4 miles in length. Please note the Stoner Creek Trail terminates at private property and there is no public right away access to Highway 145 at the bottom. The trail head is located via the Eagle Peak trail and Forest Road 686 which terminates at the Eagle Peak Trailhead (or you can access it via the West or East Twin Springs trails). The Stoner Creek Trail gets very little maintenance after the junction with the Spring Creek Trail. Horse users should be advised there may be several trees across the trail.

Spring Creek Trail #627 – 2.3 miles in length. This trail can be accessed from the Stoner Creek trail where it will climb up to Taylor Mesa and the Spring Creek Trailhead on Forest Road #547, or you can begin at the trailhead which is located on top of Taylor Mesa via Highway 145 to the Taylor Mesa Road #545 to the termination of Forest Road #547.



**PACK IT IN – PACK IT OUT!
LEAVE NO TRACE!!!**

