

OSHA Trail – T10



Attractions

Looking for a nice, short hike that's not too hard and close to town? The Osha Trail is for you! Named for the Osha plant which grows along its path. It is located at 8,600' and its proximity to Cloudcroft and its 2.1 mile length makes it attractive and popular throughout the year. A number of vistas (views) along with benches to rest are available at various points on the trail.

Access

The main trailhead is located just west of Cloudcroft at the junction of US82 and Muchachita Street just down the road from the Mexican Canyon Trestle Vista. Parking is available at this site.

Use

Open all year, the trail is most heavily used in the summer and fall. Cross-country skiers and snow-shoers can enjoy the trail after heavy snows. Hikers, pets and pack animals only are allowed.

Facilities

There are no water sources or restrooms. Be sure to **PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN** to leave your public lands better than found them.



Figure 1 - The delicate white flowers of the Osha plant

Considerations

The trail is an easy to moderate hike due to its elevation of 8,500'. Be sure to stop and rest if you are feeling lightheaded or nauseous; carry at least 1 quart of water, a snack and an extra jacket and please keep your pets leashed.

As always, let someone know before you go.



Figure 2 - The Osha trail

Narrative

The Osha Trail offers stunning views of the Tularosa Basin which includes White Sands National Monument. The vegetation of the area is made up of an almost endless variety of green trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers.

This is a non-motorized trail excellent for the whole family to enjoy.

Please call or visit the Sacramento Ranger District in Cloudcroft at (575) 682-2551 for more information.



Map of the Osha Trail and surrounding features

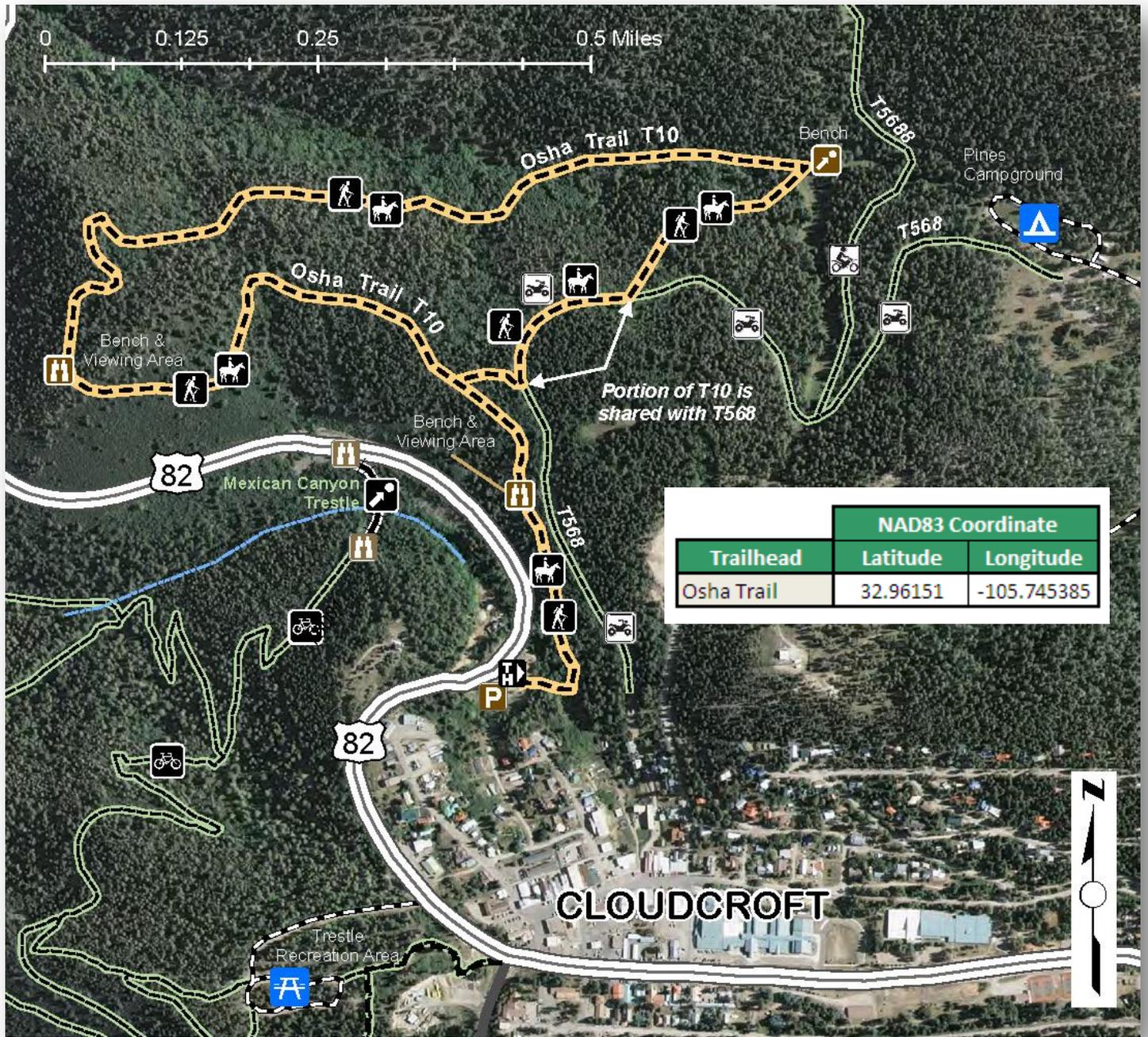


Figure 3 - Map of the Osha Trail