

Willie White/Wills Canyon Trails



Attractions

The Willie White & Wills Canyon trails are located near the Rio Penasco in the beautiful Sacramento Mountains of southern New Mexico. This trail system climbs from 8,000' where it leaves the Rio Penasco to over 9,350'. An ideal motorized and non-motorized trail, this trail is accessible in all seasons except for winter when snows cover the area.

Many of the trails in the area are the remains of old railroad grades from the early 1920's, so keep an eye out for the occasional trestle and other such items. **Always remember to leave what you find for the next person.**

Access

The overall area can easily be reached by traveling south of Cloudcroft via NM130 1.8 miles, then turning right on NM6563 (Sunspot Hwy). Approximately 8 miles further turn left onto the Rio Penasco Rd (C17). You can also access the Wills Canyon Trail from the Wills Canyon Rd (D18) which is further down the Rio Penasco.



Figure 1 – Bluff Springs Waterfall

Facilities

Restrooms are available at Bluff Springs along the Rio Penasco. No other developed features are available in the area. Be sure to **PACK OUT WHAT YOU PACK IN** to leave your public lands better than found them

Narrative

This trail system wanders through high country meadows, deep green mixed conifer woods and stands of aspen trees. Summer wildflowers mix with deep green meadow grass to create a rainbow carpet on the forest floor.

Fall provides a lush experience of golden aspens and the occasional red maples. Winter covers the area with snow and as such is a good place for snow-shoers or cross country skiers to practice their craft.

As always, let someone know before you go.



Figure 2 – Willie White Spur Trailhead (T112) from Bluff Springs

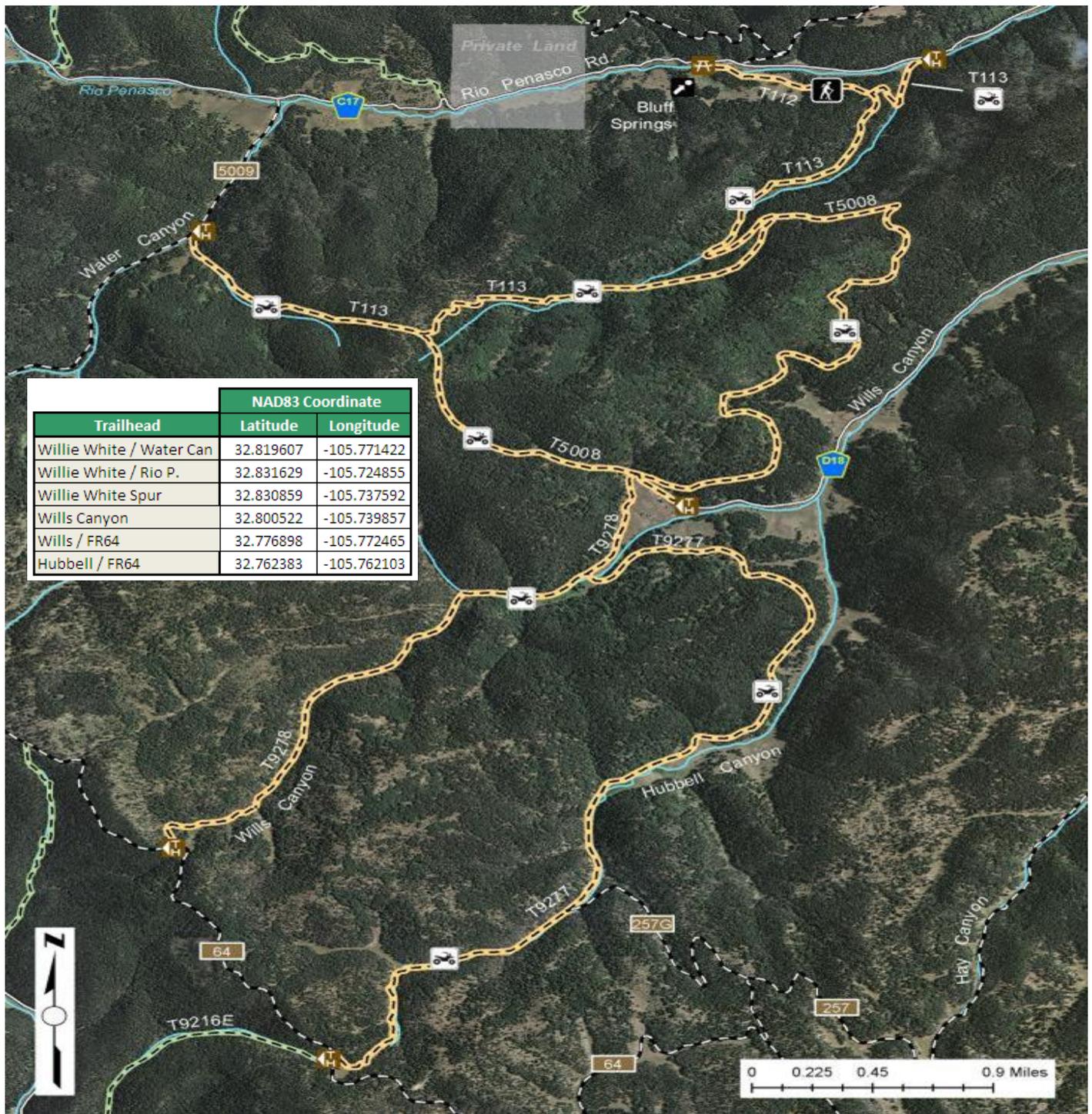
Use

Open all year, these trails are mostly used in the spring, summer, and fall months. Willie White and Wills Canyon trails are motorized for all motorized vehicles <50" in width, allowing also for hiking, biking, and pack/saddle use as well.

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



Map of Willie White/Wills Canyon Trails and surrounding features



Trail Name	Trail #	Length (mi)					
Willie White Spur	T112	0.6	✓	X	X	X	X
Willie White	T113	4.6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wills Canyon	T5008	4.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upper Wills Canyon	T9278	4.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upper Hubbell Canyon	T9277	4.4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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