

**LENGTH:** 39 Miles or 3-5 hours driving time for an ATV.

**ELEVATIONS:** Elevations range from 9000 feet at the trailhead to 11000 feet near Windy Gap.

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy to moderate for ATV's, mountain bikes, hikers, equestrians and trail bikes.

**RESTRICTIONS:** No motorized vehicles over 50" in width. Speed limits are low due to multiple use and intersections.

**TERRAIN:** Old logging roads and trails through beautiful aspen grove and spruce forests.

**ATTRACTIONS:** Transfer Campground, Jersey Jim Lookout Tower, wildflowers, large and small wildlife, streams, ponds and tent camping.

**TRAVEL SEASON:** June - September; trail use not suggested during big game rifle hunting season.

**RESTRICTED TRAVEL POLE SPRINGS AREA:** As you turn north off FSR 561 and FSR 556, motorized vehicles are required to stay on marked trails and roads. Please do not disturb off-trail flora and fauna.

**TRAIL SAFETY:** Please proceed at moderate speeds to protect yourself, other trail-users and wild animals. Several parts of the trail use or cross well traveled roads. Machines should stay to right-hand shoulders on roadways. Always let someone know where you are going and what time to expect you back.

**RESTROOM FACILITIES:** Gold Run Trailhead and Transfer Campground.

The Aspen Loop Trail is a multipurpose trail constructed by the San Juan National Forest and the Four Corners Trail Club with funding from the Forest Service and the Colorado State Trails Program. The trail is open to ATV's and motor-sized trail bikes, horseback riders, hikers and mountain bike riders.

**STARTING POINT:**

The main parking lot is .6 mile east of the Transfer Campground at 9000 feet elevation. Access to the parking lot is gained thru Forest Service Road #561 (West Mancos Road) and turning east on #565 at the Transfer Campground turnoff. Other starting points could be made at Jersey Jim, Lost Canyon, Spruce Mill Road, Haycamp Mesa and Windy Gap.

**ROUTE:**

The trail begins at the Aspen Loop Trailhead and heads easterly to the Twin Lakes-Windy Gap area, then northwesterly to the Lost Canyon road (#560) then south easterly to the Jersey Jim Lookout Tower, then southerly to the point of beginning.

**TRAIL SIGNAGE:**

At all intersections large forest road trail signs indicate Aspen Loop Trail with arrows designating trail direction. Along the trail, carsonite posts with ATV or bike decals will keep you on course.

**DISPERSED CAMPING:**

Dispersed camping is allowed on all National Forest lands including along the Aspen Loop. Please follow all occupancy laws, current fire bans, food storage, and sanitation policies. For more information, scan the QR code below:



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## Alpine Loop Trail

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## Legend

- Trails Open to 50" or less and Non-motorized Uses
- ..... Trails Open to Motorcycles and Non-motorized Uses
- \*\*\*\*\* Trails Open to Non-Motorized Uses Only
- Roads Open to All Vehicles

