



Burr Top Trail TR. NO. 021

Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District

General Description: A thick forested trail that descends off the Aquarius Plateau and connects with many trails near Cowpuncher and Jubilee Guard Stations. See trails: Great Western Trail #34001.7 'McGath Section', Rogers Peak Trail #34023, Jubilee Trail #34024, Auger Hole Trail #34025, and West Fork Trail #34026 for loop and multi-day trip options.

Mileage: 5.5 miles one way

Difficulty: Foot: moderate

Bike: moderate

Horse: easy

OHV: motorized vehicles not permitted, including E-bikes

Trailhead access: Graded road, 2-wheel drive

Elevation loss / gain: 1150 feet

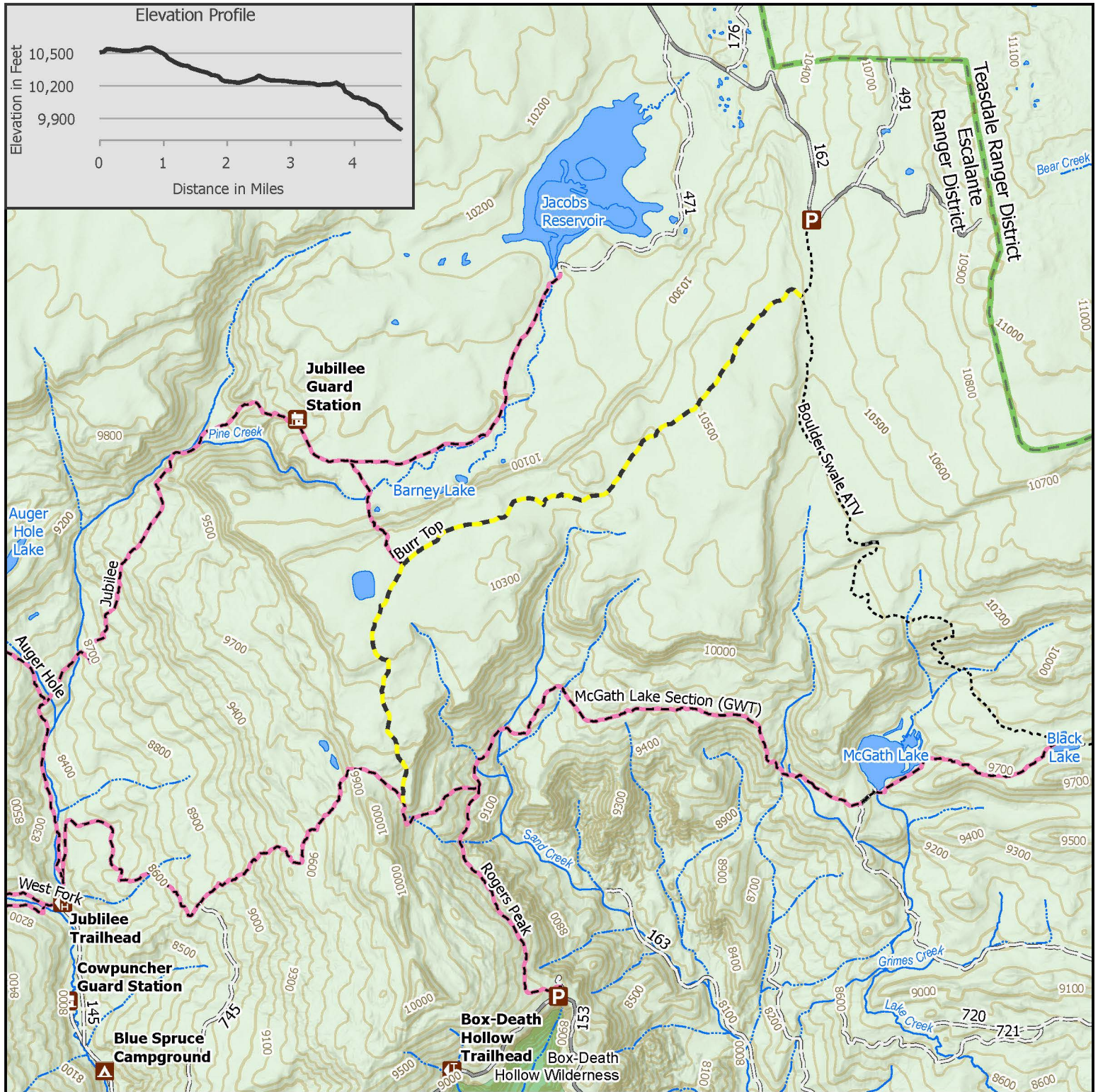
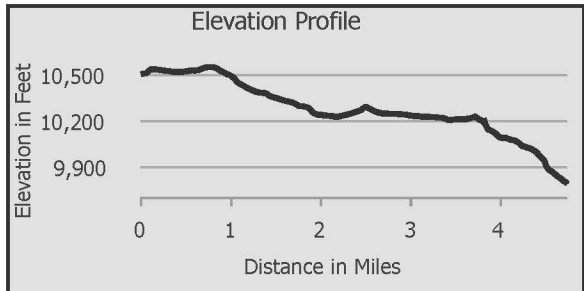
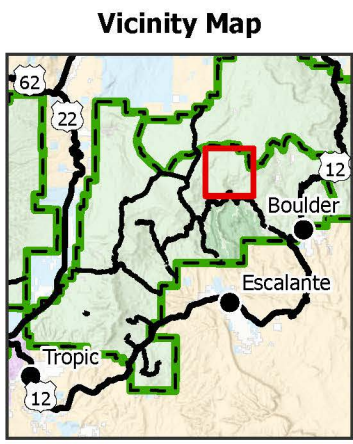
Water availability: None. Bring your own water for day hikes. All water should be filtered or treated before drinking.

Hazards / obstacles: Sections of the trail may be difficult to follow. Look for cairns and blazes marking the trail. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year round. Ridges, saddles, view points and open meadows are dangerous during thunderstorms.

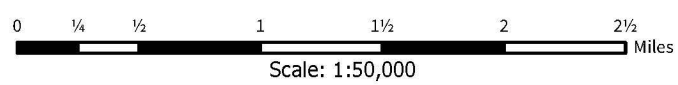
Topo maps: USGS 7.5 minute quads: Jacobs Reservoir, Roger Peak

The Trailhead: From Escalante, turn north on the Hells Backbone Road/Pine Creek Road (300 E.). At 0.7 miles the road will fork, stay right. After 3.5 miles the road will turn to dirt and is now called Forest Road 153 (FR153). At 13.6 miles the road will fork, turn left on FR 154. At 25.6 miles turn right on FR 162. At 31.3 miles you will pass Jacobs Reservoir. At 33 miles the road forks. FR 162 continues to the left, to the right is the beginning of the Burr Top Trail and the Boulder Swale ATV Trail.

The Trail: Follow the road south through the Boulder Swale for 0.5 miles to the trail junction, turn right. At .8 miles the trail leaves the road to the right and enters a large meadow. Look southwest to the other side of the meadow for a large rock cairn. Just beyond that rock cairn you'll pick up the trail again as it enters back into the trees. Be sure to keep an eye out for blazes and cairns to follow the trail. At about 1.5 miles the trail enters a long narrow meadow. Follow rock cairns through the meadow and connect to an old road at 1.8 miles. Shortly after reaching the road another road will come in from the left, continue straight. For the next mile and a half, the trail follows partly on the road and partly off the road. If you don't keep an eye out for blazes you may miss the sections that are off the road. Either way you will end up in the same place. At 3.5 miles you will reach the junction of the Jubilee Spur Trail No. 044. At 3.8 miles the trail leaves the road and is single track for the rest of the trail. At 5 miles the trail ends at the junction of the McGath Section of the Great Western Trail No. 001.7.



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| P Parking | — Improved, Gravel | — Perennial Stream |
| A Campground | — Improved, Dirt | — Intermittent Stream |
| GS Guard Station | == Unimproved Road (4WD) | — National Forest |
| LT Trailhead | --- Trail Motorized | — Wilderness |
| — Burr Top | — Trail Non-Motorized | — Forest Boundary |



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