



West Fork TR. NO. 026

Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District

General Description: A trail through aspen, meadows, and mixed conifer and access to Auger Hole Lake. Longer trips can be made by combining trails; Auger Hole 026, Jubilee 044, Burr Top 021 and GWT 001.7

Mileage: 3.7 miles one way

Difficulty: Foot: Moderate
Bike: Moderate
Horse: Moderate
OHV: Not Permitted, including E-bikes

Trailhead access: Graded dirt road, 2-wheel drive

Elevation loss / gain: 1600 ft

Water availability: Water is only available at the trail head near cowpuncher. Bring your own water for day hikes. All water should be filtered or treated before drinking.

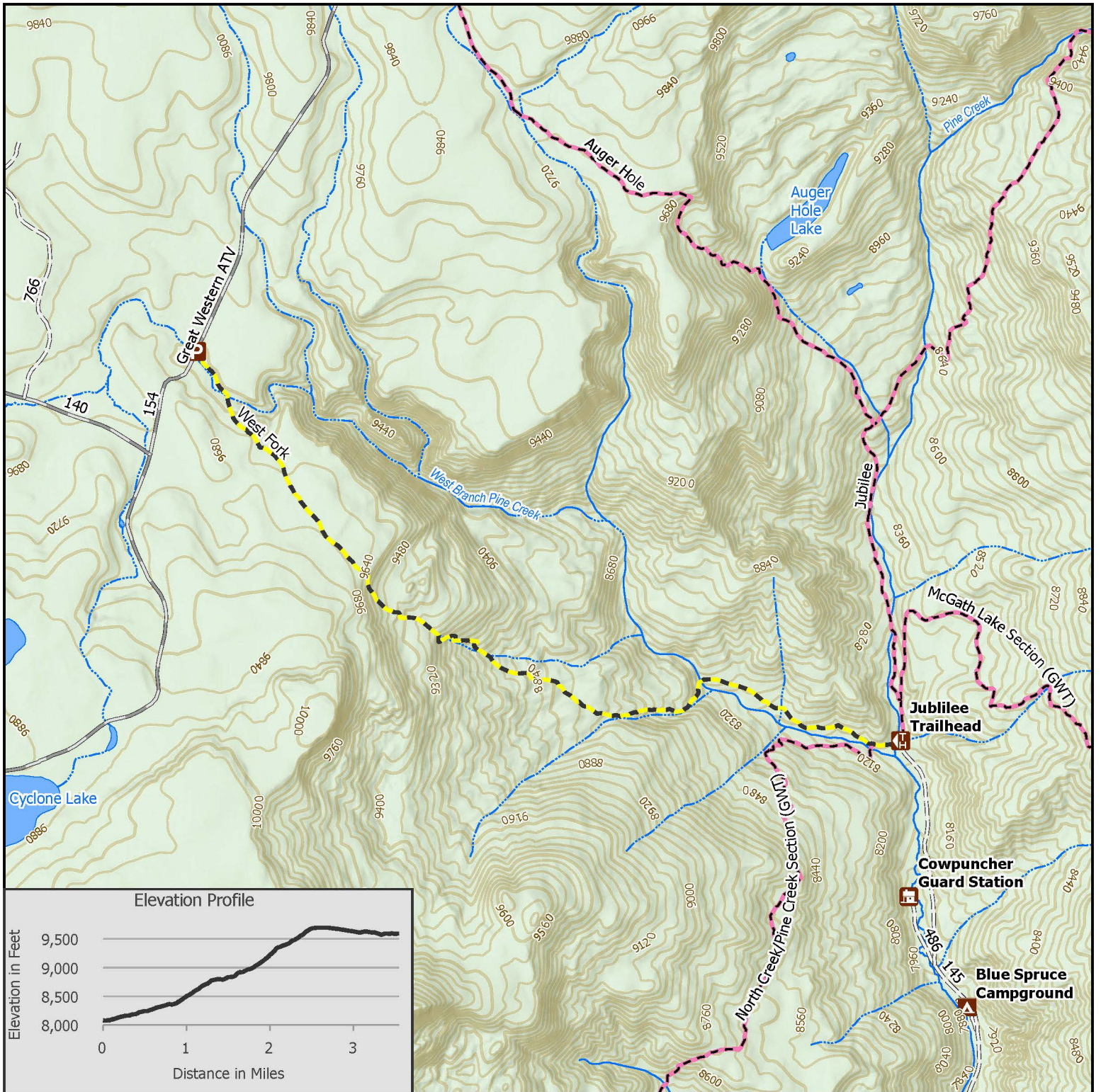
Hazards / obstacles: Sections of the trail can be difficult to follow. Look for cairns and blazes marking the trail. Mosquitoes are prevalent in spring and early summer. Wear a long sleeve shirt and pants and use insect repellent. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year-round.

Topo maps: USGS 7.5 minute quads: Big Lake

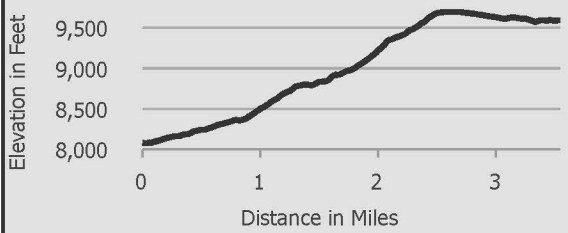
The Trailhead: You can park at either ends of the trail. To access off of FR 154: From Escalante, turn north on the Hells Backbone Road/Pine Creek Road (300 E.). At 0.7 miles the road will fork, stay right. After 3.5 miles the road will turn to dirt and is now called Forest Road 153 (FR153). At 13.6 miles the road will fork, continue straight at the junction, following signs to Posey Lake Campground. Continue past the campground. At 22 miles the West Fork Trailhead is on the right side of the road. Park in a pull-out along FR 154.

To access from Cowpuncher and Blue Spruce Campground: 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 gravel and is now called Forest Road 153 (FR 153). At 13.6 miles the road will fork, turn right following the sign to "Hells Backbone Bridge" (FR 153). At 18 miles turn left on FR 145 to Blue Spruce Campground. Drive approximately 2 miles (stay right at the signed junction) and park in the small parking area on the left.

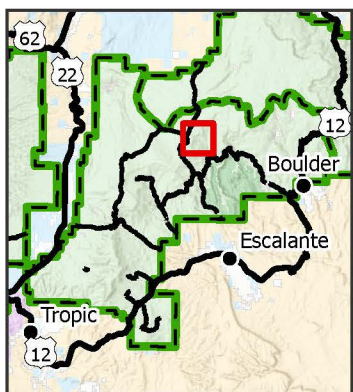
The Trail: From FR 154 follow the rock cairns and carsonite signs through the open meadows. At .25 miles the trail crosses the drainage. After about a mile the trail goes through a wire fence and begins its steep downhill. At 2.9 miles the trail crosses and old road. At 3.4 miles the trail reaches the Great Western Trail junction, continue straight. The trail then crosses Pine Creek and ends at the other trailhead.



Elevation Profile



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West Fork

Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest

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| Parking | Improved, Gravel | Perennial Stream |
| Campground | Improved, Dirt | Intermittent Stream |
| Guard Station | Unimproved Road (4WD) | National Forest |
| Trailhead | Trail Non-Motorized | Forest Boundary |
| West Fork Trail | | |



Scale: 1:31,680



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