

Carson National Forest

Recreational Activities – Trail



Gavilan Trail - # 60

Location: Questa Ranger District – Hondo Canyon

Trail Beginning: 9000 feet

Trail Ending: 11,200 feet

Access:

Approximately 1.5 miles west from the Taos Ski Valley Parking lot, located on NM State Highway 150 (the road to Taos Ski Valley). The trail borders private land on the east side at the trailhead. Limited parking is available, and restricted to the area west of the private land.

Attractions and Considerations:

Mixed conifers characterize this 3.3 mile trail located on the south facing slope of the Rio Hondo Canyon. This trail is located mostly along the west Gavilan Creek, but as the name Gavilan “Hawk” implies, ascends quickly, gaining 2,000 feet in elevation. The first section of this trail is difficult, but becomes relatively easier as the trail opens up into meadows towards the ridge. Avalanche hazard is a special consideration during the winter and early spring. Water is available along the entire length of the canyon, but should be properly treated before consumption. For short trips, take water from home or other domestic source. Day hiking, backpacking, horse riding, as well as back country camping is permitted along the entire length of the trail. **If you pack it in, please pack it out. Motorized vehicle use is not allowed.** This trail provides access to Lobo Peak, Flag Mountain.

Length: 2.2 miles

Difficulty: Intermediate to Expert

Elevation Gain: 2,200 feet

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