

Carson National Forest
Recreational Activities: Trails



Italianos Canyon Trail – # 59

Location: Questa Ranger District – Hondo Canyon

Trail Beginning: 8,700 feet

Trail Ending: 11,400 feet

Access:

Trail begins 3 miles east from the Upper Cuchilla Campground, located on NM State Highway 150 on the way to Taos Ski Valley. Parking is available at the trailhead located at the end of short access road.

Attractions and Considerations:

Mixed conifers characterize this 3.5 mile trail located on the south facing slope of the Rio Hondo Canyon. Like most trails in this area, Italianos Trail follows the canyon bottom most of the time, gaining 2,800 feet in elevation. For this reason avalanche hazard during the winter and early spring is a special consideration. Water is available along the entire length of the canyon but should be properly treated before consumption. For short trips, take a supply of 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 and Gold Hill.

Length: 3.5 miles

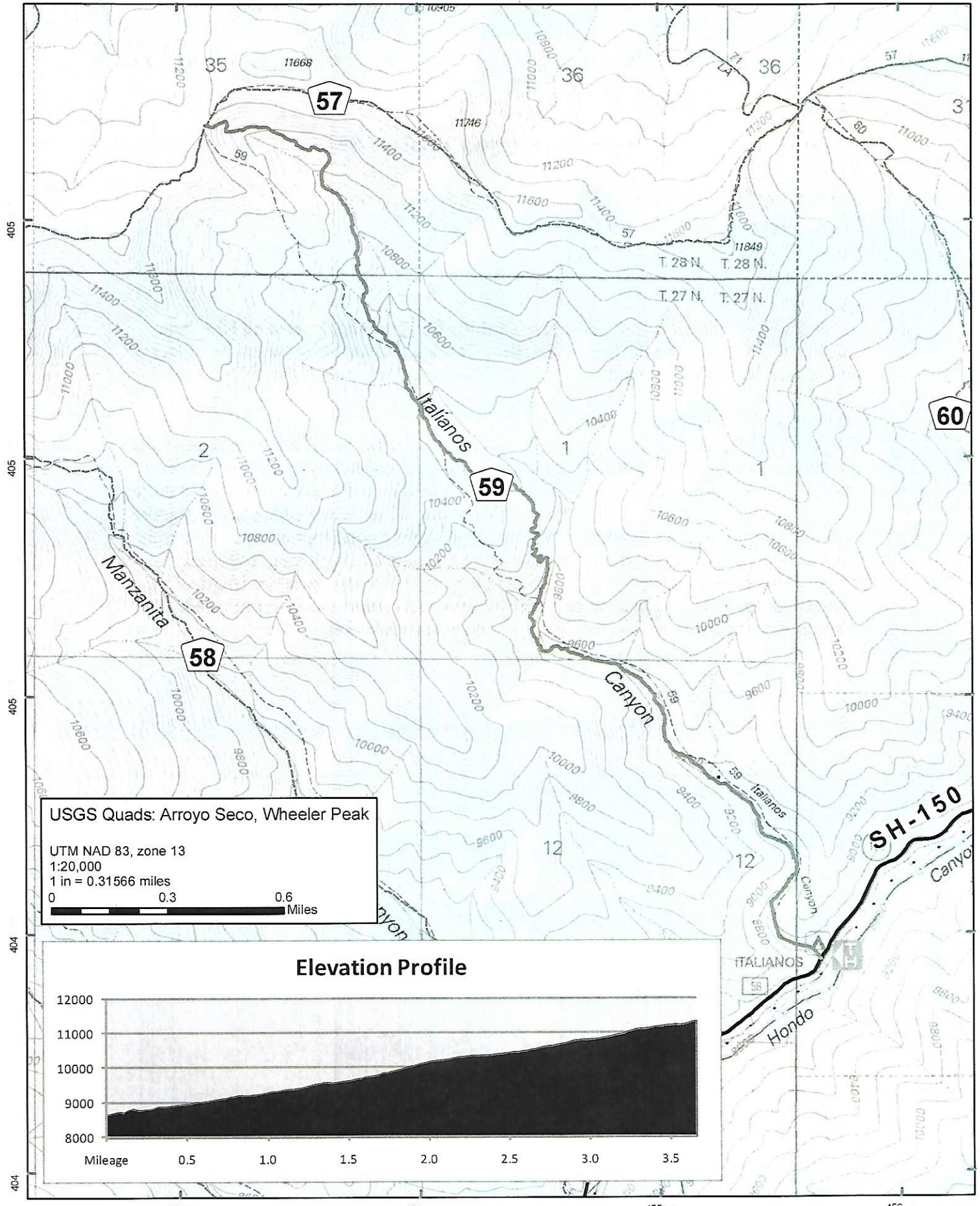
Difficulty: Difficult

Elevation Gain: 2,700 feet

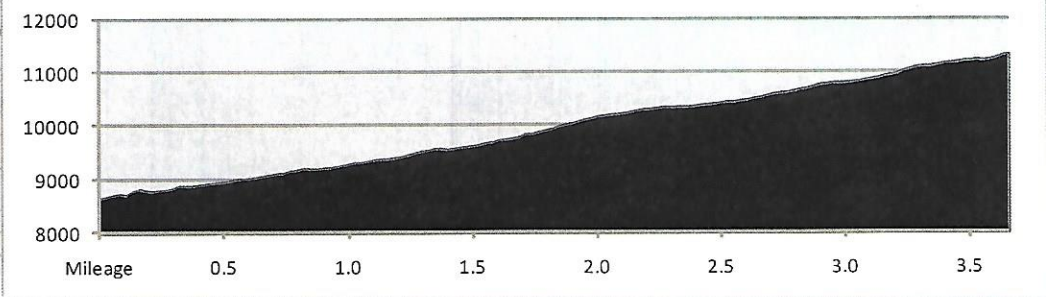
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Elevation Profile



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