

Carson National Forest
Recreational Activities: Trails



Manzanita Canyon Trail - #58

Location: Questa Ranger District – Hondo Canyon

Trail Beginning: 8,350 feet

Trail Ending: 11,800 feet

Access:

Trail begins two miles northeast of the Upper Cuchilla Campground, on NM State Highway 150 on the way to the Taos Ski Valley. Parking is very limited at the trailhead.

Attractions and Considerations:

Mixed conifers characterize this 4.2 mile trail located on the south facing slope of the Rio Hondo Canyon. The trail, which follows the Manzanita Canyon bottom most of the way climbs steadily, gaining 3,600 feet in elevation. For this reason, avalanche hazard during the winter and early spring is a special consideration. Water is available for the entire length of the canyon, but is not recommended for drinking without proper treatment. For short trips, take a supply of water from home or other domestic source. Day hiking, backpacking, horseback 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 permitted.**

This trail provides access to Lobo Peak, Flag Mountain, and Gold Hill. Trail 58 and Trail 61 come to a junction at the ridge and leads right into Lobo Peak Trail 57. Lobo Peak, elevation 12,151 feet, provides the visitor a magnificent view of Wheeler Peak and the expansive valleys below.

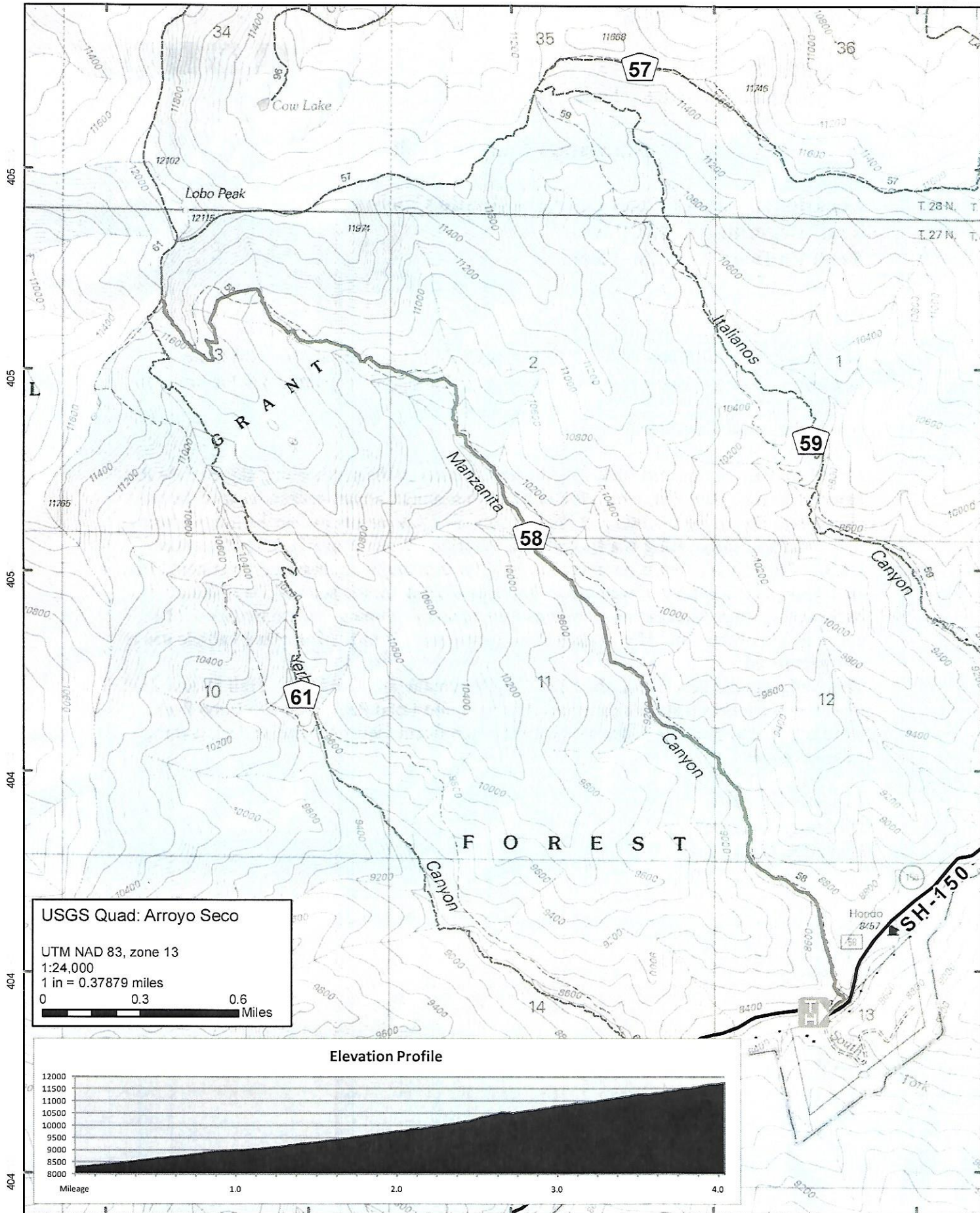
Length: 4.0 miles

Difficulty: Difficult

Elevation Gain: 3,450 feet

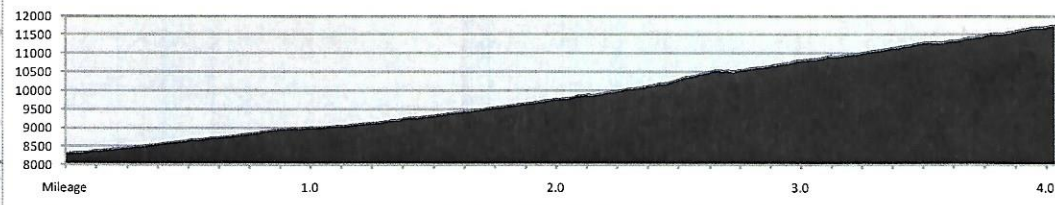
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USGS Quad: Arroyo Seco
 UTM NAD 83, zone 13
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 1 in = 0.37879 miles
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Elevation Profile



451000

452000

453000

454000

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