

# LINCOLN CANYON LOOP (ABOUT 12 MILES) SEPTEMBER 2020

Trail Rating: 3 = Stony two-track with (usually) dry stream crossings, moderate elevation changes, some short steeper slopes.

Relevant USGS quad maps: 1999 Allie Canyon, 1999 North Star Mesa

Directions:

From Silver City, traveling east, set your trip meter at the intersection of US Hwy 180 and NM Hwy 152: Drive north on NM Hwy 152.

Continue on Hwy 152 for about 14.3 miles to NM Hwy 35. Turn left and continue about 16.76 miles. Turn right onto a sandy dirt road and pass through a cattle guard.

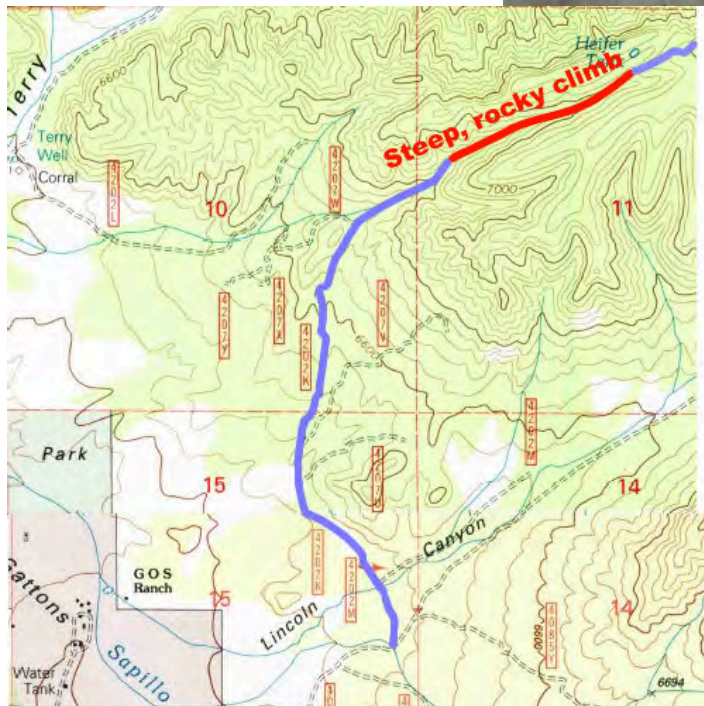


Drive about 0.06 miles and find a place to park on your right. The spot has room for three rigs.

Saddle up and ride north. The loop begins at the first conspicuous road (Trail #4207K) on the left\*.



The loop proceeds along 4207K until it intersects with 4207W.



Bear right onto 4207W. About ¼ mile along 4207W, the path bumps into a steep and rocky climb. \*(This climb is the reason to turn left at the beginning of the loop. It makes a challenging descent if you ride the loop in the opposite direction.)

The trail continues as 4207T and 4207S along a ridge and offers nice views of the Black Range and surrounding country. About a mile beyond the steep climb, the trail meets 4027R (on the right) at the Boundary

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Tank, where water might be available. If you have had enough, you can take this rugged path down into Lincoln Canyon Turn right onto at Trail 4079T and follow it back to the trailer.

If you want to ride the entire loop, continue straight on 4207S. After a short distance, you'll pick up 4079R or 4079S. Follow either one; they end up at almost the same place—a smooth two track onto which you turn right. Continue on the two track to 4079U and turn right. You'll soon meet up with 4079T, which descends into Lincoln Canyon. Ride 4079T back to your trailer.

Here's the big picture:

