

CRICKET MOUNTAINS

▲ How to Get There

Location- West Desert

Distance from Redwood Road and North Temple, Salt Lake City-

Approximately 154 miles or 3 hours.

Travel route- South on I-15 to Nephi, southwest on SR 132 to Lynndyl, southwest on US 6 to Delta, west on US 50/6 for approximately 6 miles to the turnoff to SR 257 and 16 miles south to approximately milepost 53 (just south of the Clear Lake exit). The trail system can be accessed from four trailheads. See instructions below.

▲ Trailhead Access

A. Johnson Pass Trailhead- Exit SR 257 near milepost 53 and travel west and southwest approximately 9.7 miles to the trailhead.

B. Little Sage Valley Trailhead- Exit SR 257 near milepost 39 and travel west approximately 6.6 miles to the trailhead.

C. Cedar Pass Trailhead- Exit SR 257 near milepost 28 and travel west approximately 1.9 miles to the trailhead.

D. Headlight Canyon Trailhead- Exit SR 257 near milepost 23 and travel west and northwest approximately 2.4 miles to the trailhead.

▲ Ride Description

There are approximately 129 miles of routes in the system. Route 1 is the outside perimeter of the trail system and is 56.3 miles long. It can be accessed from any of the trailheads. All routes are on roads. Some are graded. A few are just jeep trails. There are numerous opportunities for loop rides.

Time to ride- A few hours to all day.

Difficulty- Easiest
 More Difficult
 Most Difficult
 Extreme

Elevation- 4,750 to 6,200 feet

Signing- All routes are, or will be, signed according to the symbols on the map.

Best season to ride- Year-round, depending on snow.

Things to see- Wildlife (antelope, eagles/hawks, etc.). There are great views of Sevier Lake and adjacent mountain ranges. Vegetation is grass desert to stands of pinyon and juniper. Routes go through several low mountain passes. Large bands of limestone cliffs are viewed from nearly all routes.

▲ Services

Water, food, lodging and fuel- Available in Delta.

Rest rooms- None.

Camping- Camping is permitted on BLM administered lands.

Emergency services- This is a very remote area. There is limited cell phone coverage. It may be several hours before rescue services will be on site. Be prepared. Make sure you have a tow strap, tire repair kit and basic repair tools.

▲ Cautions

Travel restrictions- None. The area is open for motorized travel. However, if you cannot read a map, or are not with someone who is familiar with the area, it is better to follow the signed route to avoid getting lost. Riders are encouraged to stay on existing roads and trails to prevent unnecessary impacts to the land.

Private land- There are short sections of Routes 1 and 6 on private land. Stay on the designated route in this section.

Gates- Leave all gates as you find them. If they are open, leave open. Close if closed.

Livestock- Do not harass livestock. Slow down and let them get out of the way.

Wildlife- Look, but don't disturb.

Fire- Check with the BLM office in Fillmore for any open fire restrictions. This area can burn nearly anytime of the year. You will be responsible for any damage and cost associated with a wildfire you cause.

Waste- If you packed it in, pack it out. Do not bury trash.

Special equipment needed- None. Bring plenty of water during the hot summer months.

▲ Difficulty Rating

● **Easiest (solid green circle)-** Gravel or dirt surfaces which are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth throughout with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface.

■ **More Difficult (solid blue square)-** Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or slickrock surface. May have short sections which are narrow. Can have blind turns, steep or roller coaster grades, minor drop-offs, dust, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame.

◆ **Most Difficult (solid black diamond)-** Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Some riders may be more comfortable using four-wheel drive machines.