

# Casto Canyon/Limekiln Loop One-Day Ride

## Legend:

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- Easiest 
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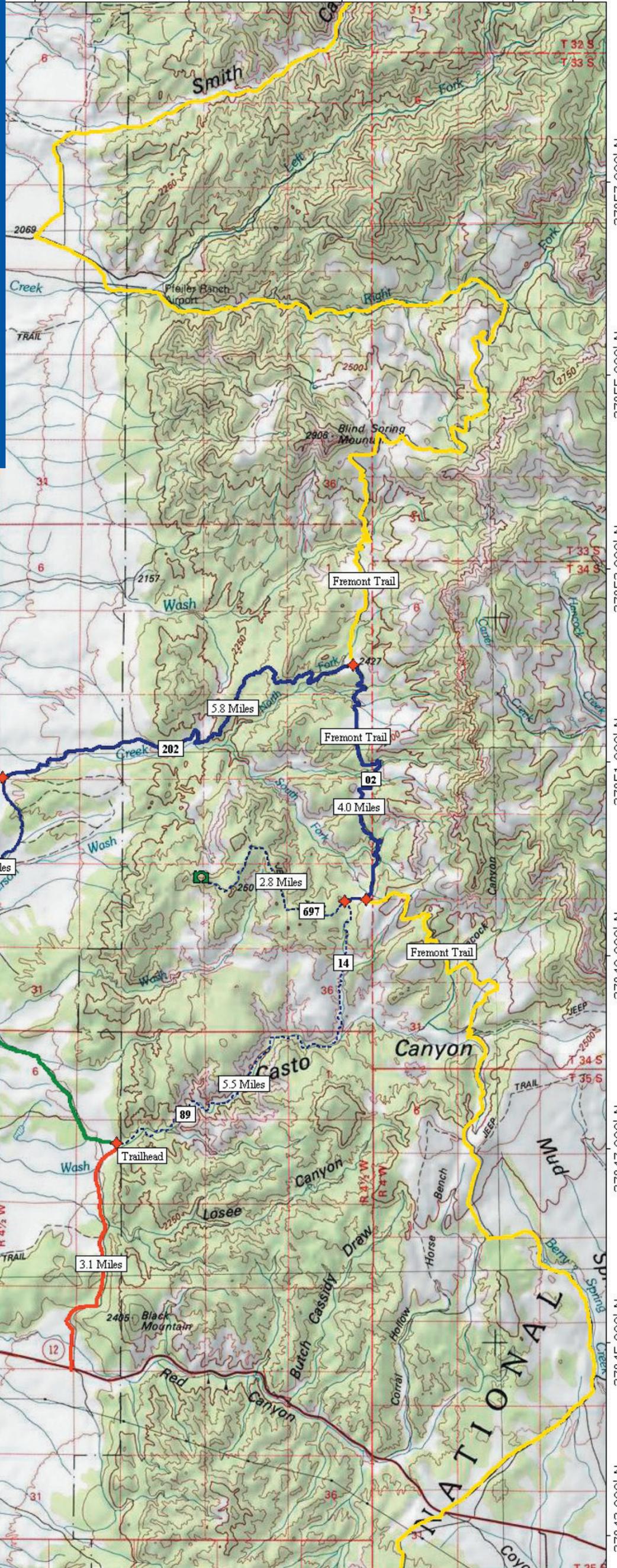
Access Route 

Fremont Trail 

Intersection 

Overlook 

Forest Service Route Numbers 



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## HOW TO GET THERE

**Location** - Paunsaugunt Plateau I-15, east on SR 20 south on US 89 through Panguitch, east on SR 12 for approximately 1.8 miles, exit north on a graded road and travel approximately 3.1 miles to the trailhead. Go past the non-motorized trailhead at the mouth of Losee Canyon. The trail can also be accessed by OHV from Panguitch by traveling east for about 6 miles on paved and graded roads to the mouth of Limekiln Creek Canyon. See map.

**Route from Salt Lake City** - South on I-15, east on SR 20 south on US 89 through Panguitch, east on SR 12 for approximately 1.8 miles, exit north on a graded road and travel approximately 3.1 miles to the trailhead. Go past the non-motorized trailhead at the mouth of Losee Canyon. The trail can also be accessed by OHV from Panguitch by traveling east for about 6 miles on paved and graded roads to the mouth of Limekiln Creek Canyon. See map.

## RIDE DESCRIPTION

There are approximately 24.8 miles of routes in this one-day ride system. The main loop is about 22 miles long. There is an additional 2.8-mile, dead-end route to a great scenic overlook of the Panguitch valley. Casto Canyon trail is open to ATVs (less than 50 inches wide) and motorcycle. The remainder of the trail can be traveled with a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

**Time to ride** - Most riders can travel this trail in a half-day.

**Difficulty** -  Easiest  More Difficult  Most Difficult  Extreme

**Elevation** - 7,000 to a little over 8,000 feet. (Panguitch is 6,660 feet.)



**Best season to ride** - Spring, summer and fall. Only portions of the featured routes on this map have been signed as an OHV trail. Look for route numbers and arrows on the National Forest and trail names and arrows on the county road from Panguitch to the National Forest boundary in Limekiln Canyon.

**Things to see** - Wildlife (elk, deer, eagles/hawks, etc.) There are great views of adjacent mountain ranges, valley floors and red-rock formations. There are many colorful rock formations. Casto Canyon has some of the most spectacular red rock formations in the state which are very similar to those seen in Bryce Canyon National Park. The view from the overlook is outstanding. Vegetation is piñon and juniper at the lower elevations with ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, aspen and

## SIGNING

## CAUTIONS

**Travel Restrictions** - Travel through National Forest and private land is limited to designated routes. BLM administered lands are 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 on BLM administered lands are encouraged to stay on existing roads and trails to prevent unnecessary impacts to the land.

**Camping** - Camping in undeveloped areas is permitted on Forest Service and BLM administered lands. There are no developed campgrounds in the area that allow ATV ingress and egress.

**Restrooms** - At the Casto Canyon trailhead.

**Water, Food, Lodging and Fuel** - Available in Panguitch.

## SERVICES

This trail includes a portion of the Fremont ATV Trail. This trail is not shown in its entirety on the map. Contact the Forest Service for a map of this trail.

**Fire** - Check with the Forest Service office in Panguitch for fire restrictions. 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** - Bring a tow strap. There is cell phone coverage in some areas.

**CAUTION - Never ride alone and always wear your helmet.**

## 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 4-wheel drive machines.

◆◆ **Extreme (solid double black diamond)** May be extremely steep and

rocky with ledges and drop-offs, narrow switchbacks, boulders and uneven or unbalanced trail surfaces. May be long stretches of loose rock or deep sand on steep grades with extreme side-slopes. Some obstacles will high center most machines. Four-wheel drive is recommended. In some areas it may be necessary to walk machines over or have a helping third hand. These routes require experienced riders with a full array of good riding skills. All users should consider riding abilities and machine capabilities before attempting these routes.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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ATV & 4X4**



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