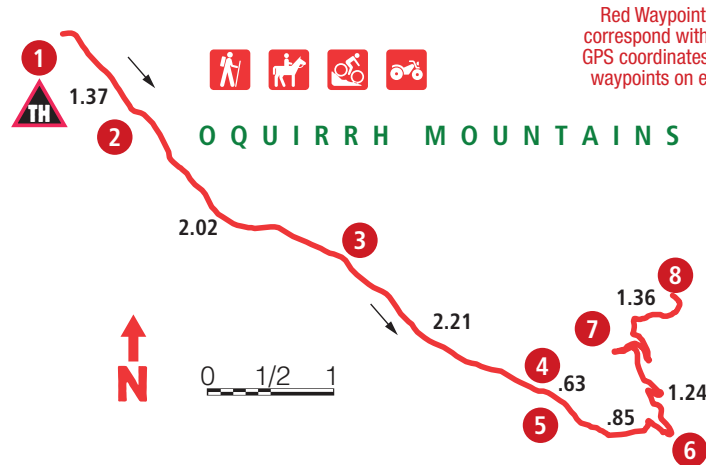


COPPER PIT OVERLOOK

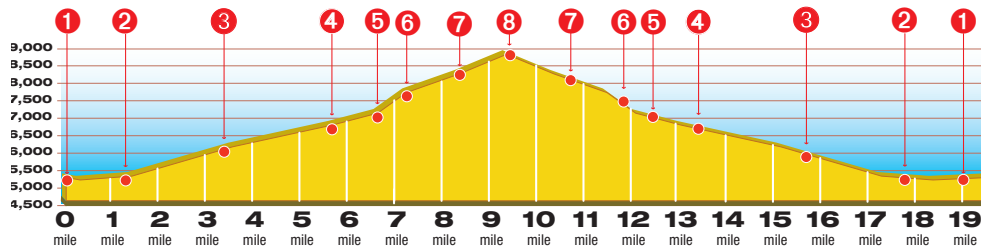
Type: Out and back on combination 2-lane asphalt and gravel roads. Hike, Horseback, Mountain Bike and ATV/OHVs. Road bikes can be ridden until asphalt ends at White Pine parking area. **Distance:** 19.38 miles. **Elevation gain:** 3,784 feet. **Rating (non-motorized):** Moderate to difficult. **Trail time:** up to 3 hours (on mountain bike). **Signage:** Yes. **Season:** May to November. **Water:** Generally not available. Bring your own. Any surface water should be purified before consuming. **Services:** Groceries, fuel and general services available in Tooele. **USGS 7.5 topo maps:** Tooele, Bingham Canyon, Lowe Peak. **How to get there:** The trail starts at the Oquirrh Mountain Trailhead located next to Oquirrh Hills Golf Course at 1255 E. Vine, Tooele.



Red Waypoint dots on map correspond with trail waypoint/GPS coordinates list below, and waypoints on elevation chart.

Trail Waypoint

	Distance	Altitude	Latitude	Longitude
1 Oquirrh Mountain Trail Trailhead	0.0	5,204	N40 31.918	W112 16.470
2 Angel Grove Gate	1.37	5,442	N40 31.092	W112 15.442
3 Cattleguard #1	3.4	6,160	N40 30.233	W112 13.690
4 White Pine Parking Lot	5.61	6,813	N40 29.253	W112 11.626
5 Switchback #1	6.24	7,242	N40 28.911	W112 11.152
6 Butterfield Pass	7.09	7,761	N40 28.075	W112 10.656
7 Vista Point	8.33	8,372	N40 29.681	W112 11.200
8 Oquirrh Overlook on West Mountain Summit	9.69	8,988	N40 30.089	W112 10.636
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Trail Description: Shortly after the pioneers arrived in Tooele Valley in 1849, they discovered Middle Canyon's vast timber resources and stream. Sawmills to cut logs into usable timber were erected. Water from the canyon was diverted for crops in the valley below. About the turn of the century, Bingham Metals Company constructed the Bingham Tunnel that began in Middle Canyon. Its purpose was to tap into Bingham's lower mine workings and secure a new water supply. In the 1960s, a road was cut to the summit of West Mountain for motorists to look down into the massive Kennecott Copper Pit. In the 1980s, Butterfield Peak and adjoining White Pine Basin were considered for a ski resort, but the project died. Today, the canyon is popular for camping and scenic views, especially during fall when the maples and aspens are in color. **The trail begins** at the Oquirrh Mountain Trailhead. Turn left onto Vine Street and proceed east past Oquirrh Hills Golf Course. Vine Street veers right and becomes Middle Canyon Road. The road is asphalt and doesn't turn to gravel for 5.6 miles. While nearing the mouth of Middle Canyon at 1.37 miles, you'll pass the canyon's gate at Angel Grove (**Waypoint #2**). Angel Grove is a municipal water source for Tooele City. Proceed southeast and Middle Canyon Road's gentle gradient suddenly becomes 8% at 1.76 miles. The increased pitch is temporary, however. The road runs basically straight up the canyon floor, past a cattleguard (**Waypoint #3**) at 3.4 miles until topping out after 5.61 miles at White Pine Parking Lot (**Waypoint #4**). The asphalt ends here, and so does the easier part of the trail. Immediately after White Pine, the gravel road's gradient jumps to 8% and 10%. At 6.24 miles (**Waypoint #5**), the first in a series of switchbacks to West Mountain summit is encountered. The gradient increases to 18% at times. At 7.09 miles, road briefly tops out at Butterfield Pass (**Waypoint #6**). Go straight for Butterfield Canyon and alternative descent into Salt Lake Valley; turn left to proceed north for the overlook. Visible to the south is White Pine Basin and Butterfield Peak. Gradient ranges from 7% to 15%. At 8.33 miles you'll come to Vista Point (**Waypoint #7**), which is an exposed ridge with a footpath that provides a spectacular view of Middle Canyon. Continue up switchbacks and at 9.69 miles will reach the summit of West Mountain and the Oquirrh Overlook (**Waypoint #8**). Please note that the entire road from the trailhead to the overlook is surrounded by private property. Please do not trespass.