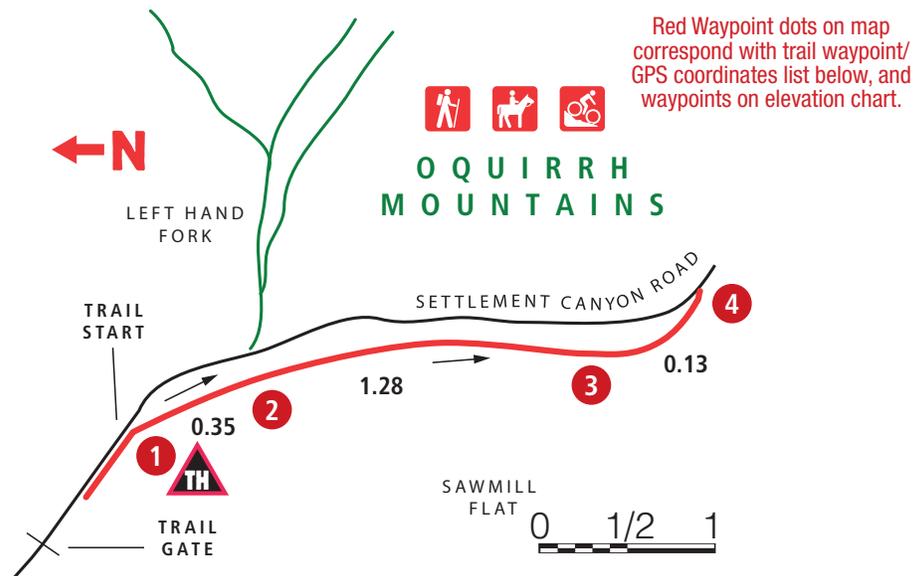
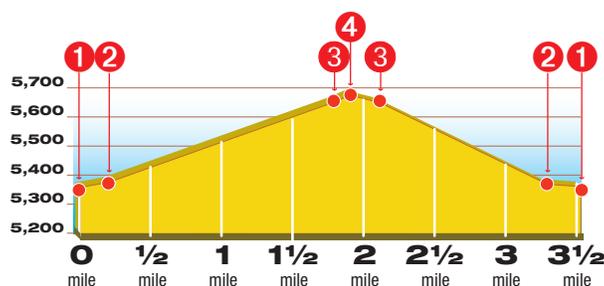


DARK TRAIL

Type: Loop or Out and Back on single-track trail. Hike, Horseback, Mountain Bike. ATV/OHVs prohibited. **Distance:** 3.52 miles. **Elevation gain:** 295 feet. Rating: Easy to moderate. **Trail time:** up to 30 minutes (on mountain bike). **Signage:** Yes. **Season:** May to November. **Water:** Bring your own. Settlement Canyon Creek. Any surface water should be purified before consuming. **Services:** Groceries, fuel and general services available in Tooele. **USGS 7.5 topo maps:** Tooele, Stockton. **How to get there:** The trailhead is located on the right on Settlement Canyon Road in south Tooele City, approximately 100 yards after the entrance gate.



Trail Waypoint	Distance	Altitude	Latitude	Longitude
1 Trailhead	0	5,363	N40 30.377	W112 17.509
2 Water tank	0.35	5,386	N40 30.198	W112 17.405
3 Concrete sluice	1.63	5,645	N40 29.164	W112 17.149
4 Sawmill Flat	1.76	5,658	N40 29.113	W112 17.135
1 Trailhead	3.52	5,363	N40 30.377	W112 17.509



Trail Description: Because it gains less than 300 vertical feet during its 1.76 mile ascent, and is relatively smooth, the Dark Trail is ideal for walkers, runners and mountain bikers not looking for a strenuous experience. But for those who do, just increase the intensity and the Dark Trail delivers. The Dark Trail is also a great ride for beginner mountain bikers who are getting familiar with their bike's suspension, gearing and brakes. **The trail begins** on the right approximately 100 yards after the Settlement Canyon entrance gate. There may or not be a metal sign marking the trail's start; just look for a single-track trail. After 0.35 of a mile, a small concrete water tank is ahead (**Waypoint #2**). Stay to the right and proceed on trail in southeast direction through groves of cottonwood trees. Trail at times hugs Settlement Canyon's west wall. While passing Legion Park, the trail becomes more interesting with dips, rises and obstacles. After 1.63 miles, a concrete sluice is encountered to the right on the canyon's west wall (**Waypoint #3**). Continue for 0.13 of a mile to Dark Trail's conclusion at Sawmill Flats (**Waypoint #4**). The trail comes out of the trees and passes a small outdoor amphitheater before merging with Settlement Canyon Road. Retrace trail for return to trailhead, or turn left onto Settlement Canyon Road and descend to entrance gate. Turn right to continue up Settlement Canyon. Settlement Canyon Road ends at big gate about 150 yards after Sawmill Flat. Beyond gate is private property; public access is prohibited. Vehicle parking is available at Settlement Canyon entrance gate. To enter the canyon, vehicles must pay an entrance fee. Walkers, hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers are free.