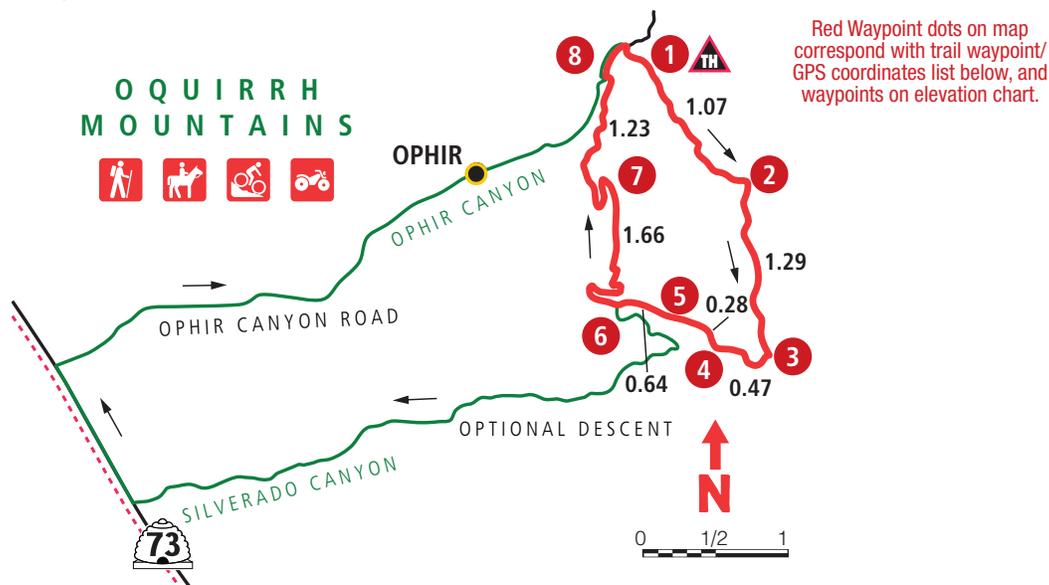


LION HILL LOOP

Type: Loop on double-track dirt, gravel and rocky road. Hike, Horseback, Mountain Bike, ATV/OHV. **Distance:** 7.36 miles. **Elevation gain:** 1,706 feet. **Rating:** Advanced with technical sections. **Trail time:** up to three hours (mountain bike). **Signage:** Yes. **Season:** May to October. Water availability: Bring your own. Water available in Tooele, Stockton and Ophir. Ophir Canyon Creek. Any surface water should be purified before consuming. Nearby **Services:** Ophir has a small convenience store with seasonal and limited hours. **USGS 7.5 topo maps:** Ophir, Mercur, Lowe. **How to get there:** From Tooele, proceed south on SR-36 for 11.38 miles to the intersection of SR-36 and SR-73. Turn left onto SR-73 and proceed southeast for 4.9 miles to Ophir Canyon Road. Turn left and head up canyon for 3.5 miles to the town of Ophir. Drive through Ophir and continue for another .75 mile to South Fork. Trailhead is 0.5 mile up South Fork.



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

Trail Waypoint

| Waypoint | Distance | Altitude | Latitude | Longitude |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------|
| 1 Lion Hill Loop Trailhead | 0 | 6,866 | N40 22.668 | W112 14.118 |
| 2 Halls Basin | 1.07 | 7,440 | N40 22.097 | W112 13.358 |
| 3 Mercur Overlook | 2.36 | 8,030 | N40 21.082 | W112 13.173 |
| 4 Porphyry Hill | 2.83 | 8,288 | N40 21.136 | W112 13.611 |
| 5 Silverado Traverse | 3.11 | 8,321 | N40 21.299 | W112 13.801 |
| 6 Silveropolis Hill | 3.75 | 8,296 | N40 21.388 | W112 14.332 |
| 7 Ophir Overlook | 5.41 | 7,524 | N40 22.149 | W112 14.434 |
| 8 Trail Intersection | 6.64 | 6,694 | N40 22.710 | W112 14.396 |
| 1 Lion Hill Trailhead | 7.36 | 6,866 | N40 22.668 | W112 14.002 |



Trail Description: The mountains that tower above Ophir Canyon are crisscrossed with trails, many of which were started by miners over 150 years ago as they mined for silver and other precious metals. Since then the fortunes have disappeared, but the trails have remained for our enjoyment. One of Ophir Canyon's best is Lion Hill Loop. **The trail begins** in South Fork at **(Waypoint #1)**, and climbs for 1.07 miles to Halls Basin **(Waypoint #2)**. Hikers and mountain bikers will encounter an average gradient of 12% with short bursts up to 23%. Also, brief sections of ruts and rocks make the climb challenging. Continue another 1.29 miles for stunning view at Mercur Overlook **(Waypoint #3)**. The view gets even better after a steep 0.47 mile climb to Porphyry Hill **(Waypoint #4)**. Take the Silverado Traverse **(Waypoint #5)** over to Silveropolis Hill **(Waypoint #6)** and then hold on for a steep and rocky 1.66 mile descent on Long Trail Gulch to Ophir Canyon Road. Make sure to stop at Ophir Overlook **(Waypoint #7)** on the way down. Long Trail Gulch terminates at Ophir Canyon Road and beside a private campground **(Waypoint #8)**. Turn right on Ophir Canyon Road to return to Lion Hill Loop Trailhead in South Fork. Lion Hill Loop is a designated, multi-purpose trail that is routinely maintained by the Tooele County Trails Committee. Numerous other trails wind through Ophir Canyon and the adjacent mountains. Many of these trails are dirt roads owned by Tooele County and are deemed public access—but not all are open for ATV/OHV riders. Many trails cross private land. Please adhere to posted signs and respect private property.