

LITTLE VALLEYS COTTONWOOD CANYON

One-Day Ride (Motorcycle, ATV and 4X4)

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▲ How to Get There

Location- Markagunt Plateau

Distance from Redwood Road and North Temple, Salt Lake City to Panguitch- Approximately 250 miles or 4 hours.

Travel Route- South on I-15, east on SR 20 and south on US 89 to Panguitch. The trail may be accessed from several points. From the north, take the Lower Bear Valley exit from SR 20 and travel south approximately 3.5 miles. From the west, take the Paragonah exit off I-15 then travel east approximately 7.3 miles on the county road up Little Creek or take the Red Creek Road east for approximately 9.5 miles past the Red Creek Reservoir. From the east, travel on Panguitch City and county roads approximately 5.8 miles to Five Mile Ridge. All of these routes can be traveled on an OHV. See map for specific access points.

▲ Ride Description

There are approximately 55.5 miles of routes in this one-day ride system. The longest loop is approximately 56 miles plus access distance. The shortest loop is approximately 32 miles. All routes are roads. Some are graded. A few are just Jeep trails.

Time to ride- A few hours to all day.

Difficulty- Easiest
 More Difficult
 Most Difficult
 Extreme

Elevation- 6,775 to nearly 10,000 feet. (Panguitch is 6,772 feet.)

Signing- All routes are or will be signed according to the symbols on the map except for the north side of Cottonwood Canyon. The route marked "N" on the map will not have a route number on the signs.

All signs will have the loop name on them, i.e. either Little Valleys or Cottonwood Canyon.

Best season to ride- Spring, summer and fall.

Things to see- Wildlife (elk, deer, eagles/hawks, wild turkeys, etc.) There are great views of adjacent mountain ranges and valley floors, both east and west. Little Creek and Sandy Peaks are prominent landmarks. Vegetation is pinyon and juniper at the lower elevations with ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, aspen, Engleman spruce and subalpine firs as elevations increase.

▲ Services

Water, Food, Fuel and Lodging- Available in Panguitch and at Panguitch Lake.

Restrooms- Red Creek Reservoir.

Camping- Camping in undeveloped areas is permitted on BLM and Forest Service administered lands. There are Forest Service developed campgrounds at and near Panguitch Lake along SR 143. Off-highway vehicles cannot directly access, be unloaded within nor driven out of campgrounds.

▲ Cautions

Travel Restrictions- Travel through National Forest and private lands 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.

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.

Hunting- A hunting license does not give anyone the right to travel on closed roads or trails.

Fire- Check with the Forest Service offices in Panguitch or Cedar City or the BLM office in Cedar City for fire restrictions. You will be responsible for any damage and cost associated with a wildfire you cause.

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

Special equipment needed- It is usually not necessary, but may be desirable to carry a small saw or ax to remove dead trees from the trail, especially early in the spring or after a severe storm. Portions of the trail are remote. 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.

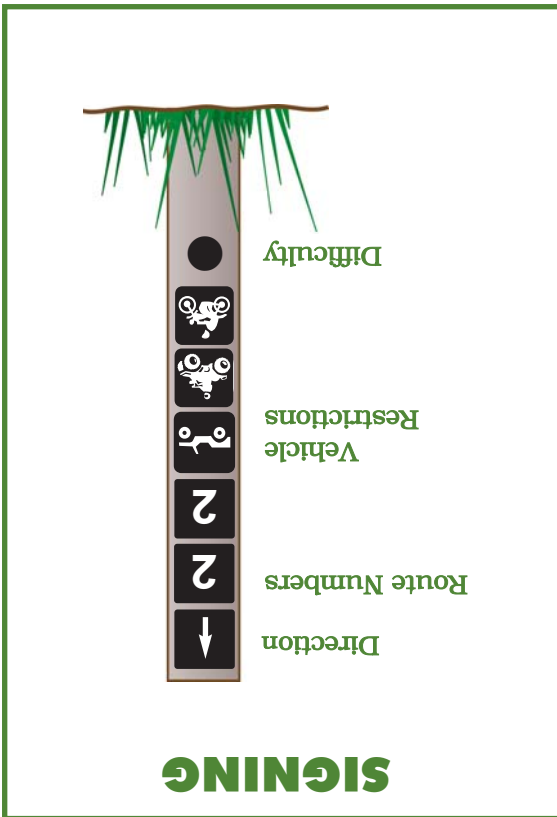
■ **More Difficult (solid blue square)-** Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or slickrock surface. May have short sections which are narrow. Can have blind turns, steep or roller coaster grades, minor drop-offs, dust, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame.

◆ **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. 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.



Riding on public lands is a privilege not a right. Careless acts of irresponsible riders can result in closure.



▲ **For More Information Contact-**
 Contact the Forest Service in Cedar City at (435) 865-3200.
 Emergency contact- 911

Little Valleys/Cottonwood Canyon ATV Day Trips

Legend:

Recreation Points

- Ride Access/Parking Only
- ★ Intersection

Difficulty - 4X4/ATV/Moto

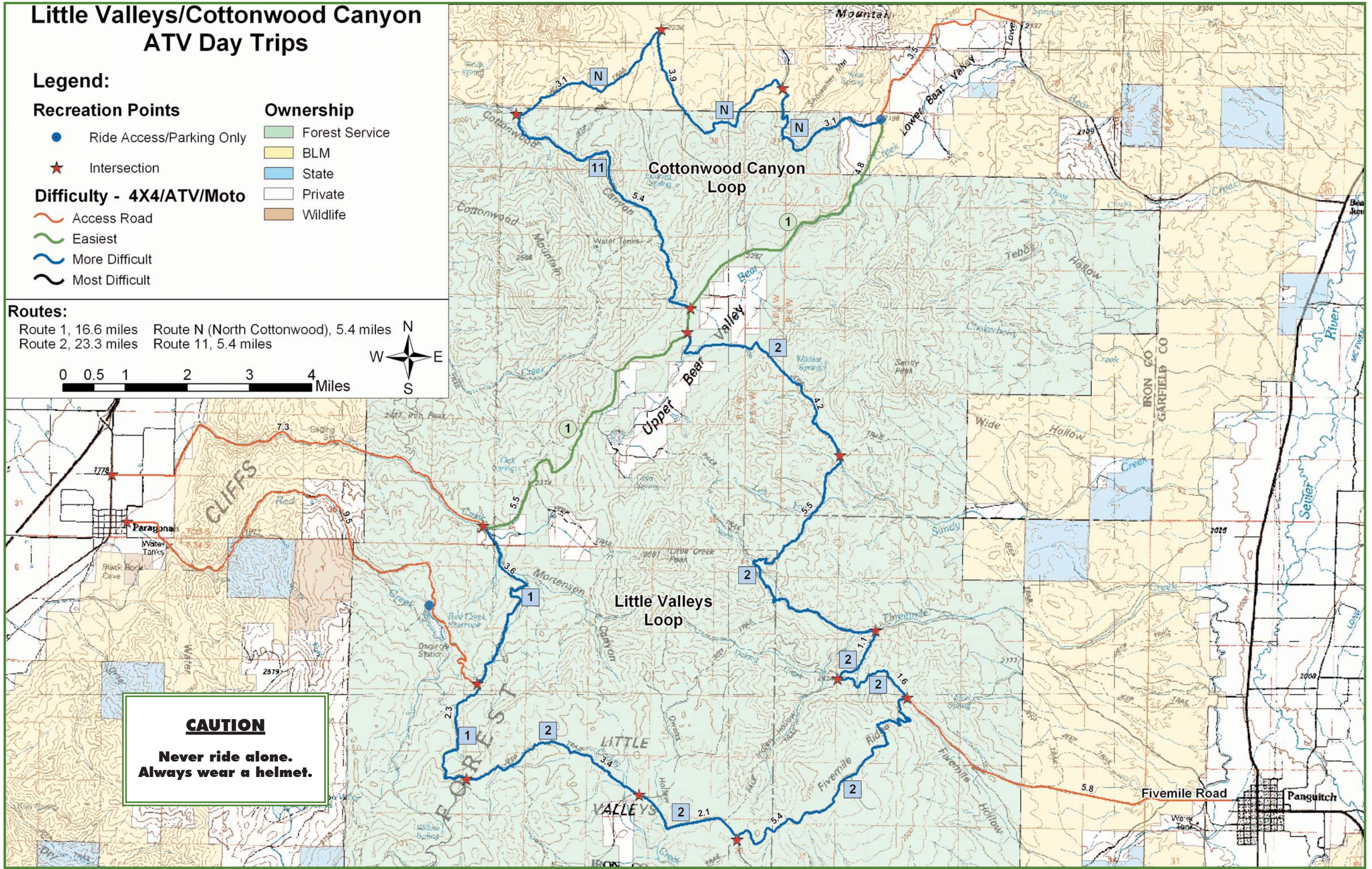
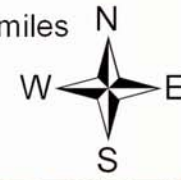
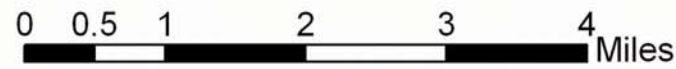
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- ~ Easiest
- ~ More Difficult
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Ownership

- Forest Service
- BLM
- State
- Private
- Wildlife

Routes:

- Route 1, 16.6 miles
- Route 2, 23.3 miles
- Route N (North Cottonwood), 5.4 miles
- Route 11, 5.4 miles



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