LITTLE VALLEYS/ COTTONWOOD CANYON

**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 Deer Valley exit from SR 20 and travel southwest approximately 3.5 miles. From the west, travel the Paragonah exit off I-15 then travel east approximately 7.8 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 and county roads approximately 5.5 miles past the Tubac Trail. 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 96 miles plus access distance. The shortest loop is approximately 32 miles. All routes are graded. A few are just Jeep trails.

**Time to Ride:** A few hours to all day.

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**Elevation:** 6,775 to nearly 10,000 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, Engelmann spruce and subalpine firs as elevations increase.

**Services**

- **Water, Food, Fuel and Lodging:** Available in Panguitch and at Panguitch Lake.
- **Restrooms:** Red Creek Reservoir.
- **Parking:** 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 or 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 office 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.

- **Most Difficult (solid blue 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 a 4-wheel drive machines.

**Restrictions:** Travel through these lands is subject to certain restrictions. The federal and state agencies are responsible for the management of these lands and have established regulations which apply to all users. The following are some of these restrictions.

- **Easement:** You are not entitled to claim or subdivide any of the roads, trails or other public lands. You may not use these roads for any purpose other than those indicated.

- **Roads:** The federal and state agencies have the right to control access to these lands and may close them to public use.

- **General:** No hunting, fishing or any other outdoor activity is allowed on these lands.

**How to Obtain a Map:** You can obtain a map from any of the agencies involved in the management of these lands. Maps are also available at the following locations:

- **Forest Service:** Sevier Ranger District, Panguitch Utah, 84759.

- **BLM:** Panguitch, UT 84759.

- **Department of Natural Resources:** Panguitch, Utah 84759.

- **Interagency Division:** Panguitch, Utah 84759.

**For More Information Contact:**

- **Interagency Division:** Panguitch, Utah 84759.

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**Contact the Forest Service in Cedar City at (435) 865-3200.**

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