

# Guide to TVW Hiking and ORV Trails

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# 1. Introduction

This guide is based on the Master Trail Guide created in 2010. The trails listed in this guide are only those that are currently (or formerly) available. Trails listed in the original document that were never created are not included in this guide.

Information about each individual trail is provided along with trail distance, elevation gain and a difficulty rating. More information on the difficulty rating can be found in Section 5 of this document.

These trails are all marked on the new TVW maps to assist in locating the trails. These maps can be found on the TVW website. ([http://www.TVWCommunication.com/TVW\\_Common\\_Area](http://www.TVWCommunication.com/TVW_Common_Area))

## 2. Hiking Only Trails

### *a. Ojo Mine Trail (This trail is temporarily closed)*

- i. The Ojo Mine Trailhead is located in a restricted well pad area. **Access is prohibited.** A new trailhead location is being investigated. Once that location has been defined the trail will be reopened and this document will be updated to reflect that change.
- ii. Distance: TBD
- iii. Elevation Gain: TBD
- iv. Rating: TBD

### *b. Lost Lake Circuit (This trail is temporarily closed)*

- i. This trail needs to be redefined. Due to the Spring Fire and the subsequent salvage and mitigation work, this area has undergone considerable change since it was first created. Once a new trail is defined it will be reopened and this document will be updated to reflect those changes.
- ii. Distance: TBD
- iii. Elevation Gain: TBD
- iv. Rating: TBD

### *c. Deadwood Trail*

- i. This trail provides an eastern approach to Lost Lake. The trail begins at the end of Bighorn Road just above the Water Treatment Facility. Please park vehicles at this location. This is an extremely difficult trail. The average slope is 23% with the steepest section being 66% so please **USE CAUTION.**
- ii. Distance: 0.34 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 204 Feet
- iv. Rating: Extreme

### **3. Hiking and ORV Trails** (ORV Includes ATVs, UTVs, and dirt bikes)

#### ***a. Lost Lake Trail***

- i. This trail starts at the trailer parking area by the Rock Slide at the end of Bear Path. The trail gives access to Lost Lake as an end point as well as being a maintenance road for the water line from Spring 1 to the Water Treatment Facility. The trail has been completely renovated as part of the mitigation work done under the BLM Grant. However, the route still has very steep portions so please **USE CAUTION**.
- ii. Distance: 0.72 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 633 Feet
- iv. Rating: Extreme

#### ***b. Pinon Trail***

- i. The trail branches off of Bear Path to Spring 1 then intersects the West Gate Road to the alternate West Gate Ranch entrance. This is a fun trail for beginners. The trail also provides access for weed abatement on the southwest side of Ranch.
- ii. Distance: 0.47 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 222 Feet
- iv. Rating: Difficult

#### ***c. West Gate Road***

- i. Branches off of Bear Path and extends down to the West Gate at Highway 160. This trail joins with Pinon Trail. The condition of this trail is VERY poor. Please **USE CAUTION**.
- ii. Distance: 0.57 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 262 Feet
- iv. Rating: Difficult

#### ***d. Lehman Pond Trail***

- i. This trail begins on the south side of Elk Drive at the upper end of Camel Ridge (the Dike Wall). It proceeds south to the pond east of lot 54. This trail is designated for daylight use only, a SLOW trail for ATV/UTV only (no dirt bikes). It provides access to the pond for fishing and picnicking.
- ii. Distance: 0.30 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 144 Feet
- iv. Rating: Difficult

### ***e. Hammond Cut-off Trail***

- i. This trail is an old ranch road. It goes northeast from East Valley Road (where road to the former Hammond Ranch crosses the East Valley Road) and reconnects to the East Valley Road between two fence posts opposite the Blue Water Tank. It also provides access to this area for weed abatement.
- ii. Distance: 0.63 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 141 Feet
- iv. Rating: Moderate

### ***f. East Valley Road***

- i. This trail (road) allows access by any vehicle but discouraged for vehicles which are not off road capable (4WD). It is also a maintenance road for Moore Ranch water and access to East Valley for Ranch management. Access to the slash pile is via this trail. Overall rating on this trail is moderate but does have some strenuous sections at each end of the trail.
- ii. Distance: 3.63 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 780 Feet
- iv. Rating: Moderate

The following trails provide a destination point – an interesting place to explore, a wonderful area to picnic, beautiful scenery, and a branching off point for hiking.

### ***g. Windy Point Trail***

- i. This trail gives access to Windy Point, the high point on the southern tip of Camel Ridge. This trailhead branches off the East Valley Road and heads west skirting the scrub oak to a meadow, then a short hike to Windy Point.
- ii. Distance: 0.64 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 330 Feet
- iv. Rating: Difficult

### ***h. Williamson Ridge South Trail***

- i. This trail also branches off of the East Valley Road. From the Blue Water Tank, follow the road east to the property line and fence. Follow fence line due north to scrub oak. Skirt the scrub oak a short distance to the gully; meet up with the old road on the east side of gully. There is a beautiful meadow to park your vehicle and hike Williamson Ridge or picnic. The trail continues on the old road until veering west, skirting scrub oak, then back to East Valley Road. There is limited or no visibility from the East Valley road.
- ii. Distance: 1.13 Miles
- iii. Elevation Gain: 218 Feet
- iv. Rating: Moderate

## 4. Wildlife Trails (TBD)

There are many unofficial trails on the ranch that have been created by the wildlife. Since hiking is not limited to defined trails, these wildlife trails are viable options for those that want to try them. As time permits some of the more prominent trails will be identified, mapped and listed in this Trail guide.

## 5. Hiking Difficulty Scale

This hiking scale is provided by the Northwest Hiker web site ([www.nwhiker.com](http://www.nwhiker.com)). The site provides a calculator (<http://www.nwhiker.com/HikeEval.html>) to determine the difficulty of a trail that is based on length and elevation gain. This scale is based on that calculator.

Difficulty Level	Description	Return to Top
<b>Easy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• young and elderly</li> <li>• someone in fair hiking condition</li> <li>• trails are generally in good condition</li> <li>• very little elevation gain</li> </ul>	
<b>Moderate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• someone in good hiking condition</li> <li>• trails are generally in good condition</li> <li>• increased mileage</li> <li>• moderate elevation gain</li> </ul>	
<b>Challenging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• someone in good hiking condition</li> <li>• trails are generally in good condition</li> <li>• increased mileage</li> <li>• significant elevation gain</li> </ul>	
<b>Difficult</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• someone in excellent hiking condition</li> <li>• trails are generally in good condition</li> <li>• significant increase in mileage</li> <li>• significant increase in elevation gain</li> </ul>	
<b>Very Difficult</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• someone in excellent hiking condition</li> <li>• trails are not always in good condition</li> <li>• significant increase in mileage</li> <li>• significant increase in elevation gain</li> </ul>	
<b>Extreme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• someone in exceptional hiking/climbing condition</li> <li>• trails are not always available</li> <li>• significant increase in mileage</li> <li>• extreme elevation gain</li> <li>• technical aspects of hike</li> </ul>	

## 6. Additional Comments

- i. The historical name for the middle ridge in Tres Valles West is Camel Ridge and for the east ridge, Williamson Ridge. (Information from Bud Kreutzer and Lonnie Brown). This document uses this naming convention.
- ii. The TVW maps, this document (*'Guide to TVW Hiking and ORV Trails'*), and the *'Tres Valles West Common Area Rules and Regulations'* document are all posted on the TVW website.