

Long Canyon Trail #63

Type: Out & Back

Length: 3.6 miles one-way

Difficulty: Intermediate to Expert

Elevation Gain: 2,500 ft.

Trail Beginning: 9,400 ft.

Trail Ending: 11,900 ft.

Access:

Travel approximately 4 miles north on US Hwy 64 from Taos to the junction of NM State Highway 150, then head east on NM State Highway 150 to Taos Ski Valley. Continue through the ski area parking lot to the Twining Campground. Parking is available adjacent to the campground. There is no parking permitted beyond this point. At the trailhead there is a map of the wilderness including trails.

Trail Description:

Begin on Trail #90, Long Canyon Trail splits to the left off of Trail #90 approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the Twining trailhead. Mixed conifers characterize this 3.6 mile trail located north of the Taos Ski Valley. Long Canyon Trail climbs steadily gaining 2,600 feet in elevation. The upper reaches of the trail are steep and more difficult. For this reason, avalanche hazard during the winter and early spring is a special consideration. Water is available for most of the length of the canyon, but should be treated before consumption. For short trips, take a supply of water from home or other domestic source. Day hiking, backpacking, horse riding as well as backcountry camping is permitted along the entire length of the trail. **If you pack it in, please pack it out.** Motorized vehicle use is not allowed. This trail provides access to Goose Lake, Gold Hill and Lobo Peak Trails. Look for rock cairns as you reach the top to guide you up the ridge.

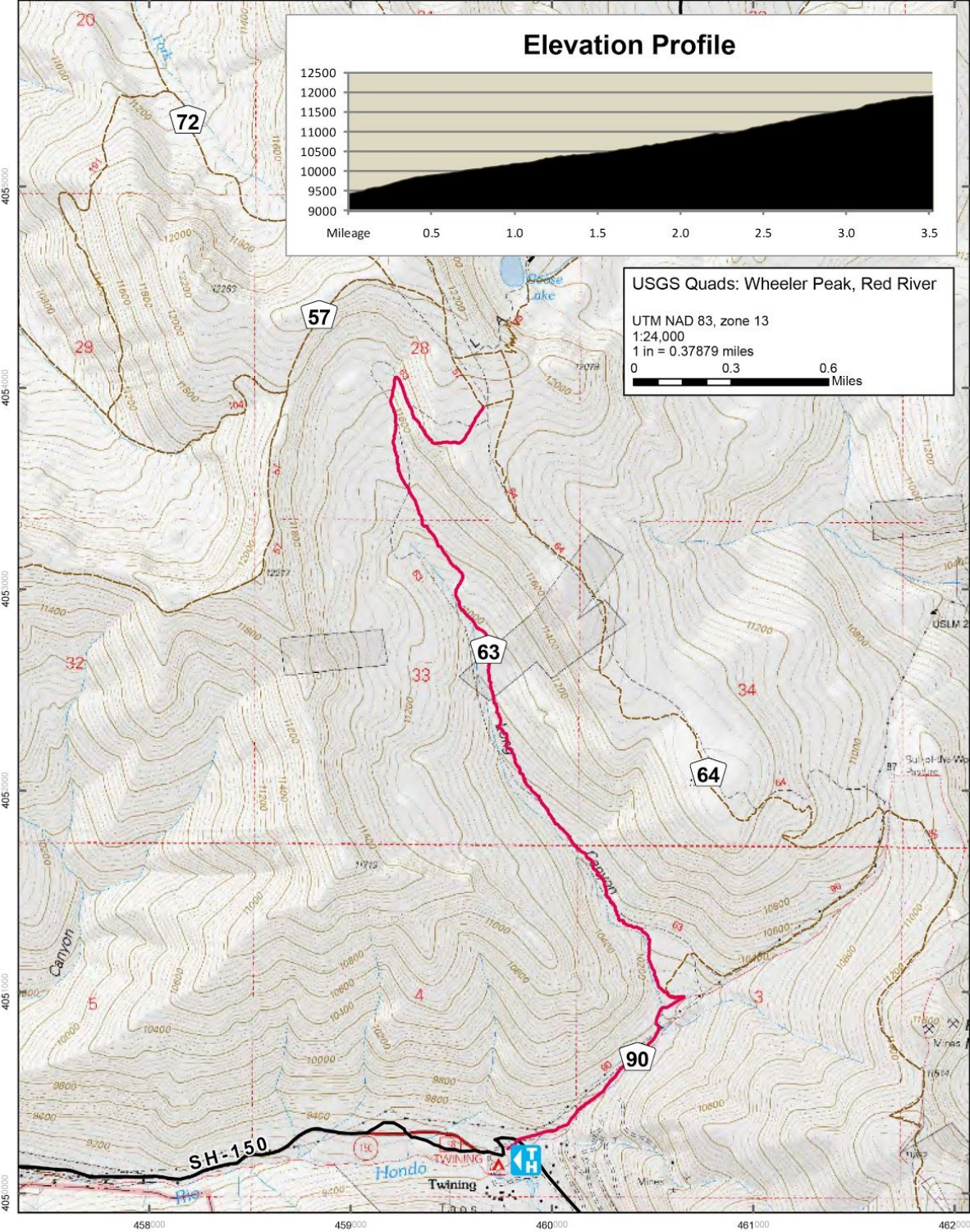
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