About Turkey Springs

The Turkey Springs area offers National Forest access just a short distance from town. The multi-use area provides several forms of recreation including camping, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, 4-wheel driving, hunting and winter activities.

Most trails are suitable for novice to intermediate riding abilities, with the primary challenges being rocks, short steep pitches, and side-slopes. Advanced users will find the relatively smooth, rolling terrain wonderful for extended rides. **Riders are strongly encouraged to treat all trails as potentially difficult until becoming familiar with them.**

Please remember:
- Never ride when trails are too wet.
- Stay on existing trails.
- Pack out all trash.
- Control your ride.
- Never scare animals.
- Yield Appropriately – 4-wheel vehicles should yield to all others on the trails; bicyclists should yield to all other non-motorized users; hikers should yield to horseback riders. Downhill riders should yield to uphill riders.

**SUGGESTED AREAS AND RIDING LOOPS**

**Mountain Biking:**
Turkey Springs Trail System consists of fourteen interconnected non-motorized routes, providing more than 30 miles of singletrack, ideal for mountain biking. These trails are best accessed from the following parking areas:
- Turkey Springs Trailhead on the left side of Piedra Rd (6 miles north of Hwy 160);
- Gate 5 at Martinez Creek On the left side of North Pagosa Blvd (3.5 miles north of Hwy 160);
- Newt Jack Trailhead - Left on Turkey Springs Rd (0.8 miles), left on Newt Jack Rd;
- Brockover Trailhead - Left on Turkey Springs Rd (3.6 miles), left on Brockover Rd.

**ATV Riding** (vehicles 50” and less):
Turkey Springs Trail System has a combination of motorized, singletrack and Forest Service roads providing a nice 14 mile loop with additional offshoots. This loop is best accessed from the following parking areas:
- Turkey Springs Trailhead on the left side of Piedra Rd (6 miles north of Hwy 160);
- East Monument Trailhead - Left on Turkey Springs Rd (1.8 miles), right on East Monument Rd;
- Brockover Trailhead - Left on Turkey Springs Rd (3.6 miles) left on Brockover Rd.

**ATV Loop starting from East Monument:**

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When you have fully explored the Turkey Springs Trail System or if you want more challenging terrain visit the San Juan National Forest Office or local bike shops for information on other trails in the area including Jackson Mountain, Kenney Flats, and Devil Creek.

**Snowmobile and Nordic Skiing:**
In the winter, the Turkey Springs Trail System offers miles of snowmobile trails easily accessed from the Turkey Springs Trailhead. Coyote Hill Loop is a dedicated and groomed Nordic Ski Trail.
A Few Mountain Bike Loop Descriptions

A Long Loop from Turkey Springs:

Start #323 Stockdive ATV
Left #301 Turkey Springs (Newt Jack Trailhead) 0.7
Left #313 Catamount 3.4
Left #305 Newt Jack 1.2
Right #312 Upper Rim 2.4
Left #311 Creek 0.1
Left #309 Lower Rim 1.9
Left #303 Gopher (Brockover Trailhead) 6.7
Right #301 Turkey Springs 3.1
Left #323 Stockdive ATV 0.4
Total Mileage 20.3

2 Short Scenic Loops Starting from Gate 5:

Start #312 Upper Rim 3.6
Right #305 Newt Jack 0.3
Total Mileage 3.9

Start #312 Upper Rim 2.4
Left #311 Creek 0.1
Left #309 Lower Rim 1.9
Continue #310 Powerline 0.9
Left #313 Catamount 1.8
Right #305 Newt Jack 1.2
Total Mileage 8.3

A Short Relatively Easy Loop Starting From Newt Jack:

Start #301 Turkey Springs 1.6
Left #302 Park Ave 1.4
Left #313 Catamount 2.0
Left #301 Turkey Springs 0.2
Total Mileage 5.2

A Short Loop Starting From Brockover:

Start #303 Gopher 3.9
Left #306 Brockover 1.0
Right #307 Aspen Run 0.8
Left #304 Round Park 2.6
Total Mileage 8.3