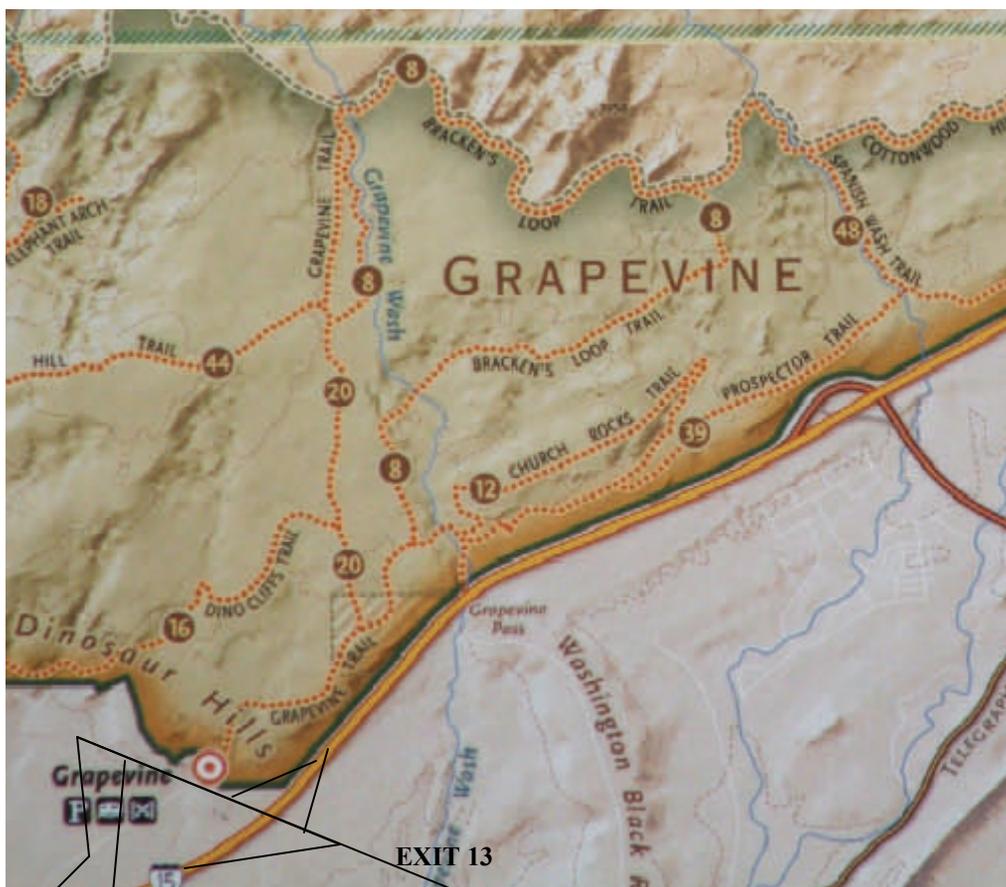


3 hour Ride

Red Cliffs Desert Reserve

Bracken's Loop



About the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve:

At the merging of three great ecosystems, the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin, and the Colorado Plateau, the reserve is biologically rich with an array of animals and plants rarely seen in one place. The reserve contains the most northern populations of the desert tortoise, Gila monster, sidewinder rattlesnake, and chuckwalla - reptiles typically associated with hotter and more southerly deserts, like the Mojave. A significant portion of the shrubs in this area, such as blackbrush, are more commonly associated with the cooler Great Basin Desert. The conditions in the region are such that several endemic species, those which occur no where else in the world, are found here.

Directions: There is a new Exit 13 off of I-15 which I have crudely drawn on the map above. There isn't a 'parking area' as of 1/2010, but there is plenty of parking available on the north side of the road, west of I-15 where the GRAPEVINE TRAILHEAD is designated. Ride north up the dirt road from the paved road—there are two step over gates to negotiate. The first part of the trail (Grapevine on map) is old service road. Continue up the road designated with #20 above. You'll pass a sign showing Grapevine veering off to the right, then Dino Cliffs goes off to the left. Next you'll come to a sign that says Bracken's Loop to the right— trail #8 above. This takes you down to a small wash with you'll continue to ride in and out of. This is a well used trail and easy to follow. Eventually it bends right as you hug the lava cliffs. Just before the trail veers south for the return loop, there is an overlook with tie rings for your horses in the red rock wall on the west side. You'll also see a plaque in the wall. Follow the trail back around. **NOTE: IN THIS AREA OF THE RESERVE, YOU MUST REMAIN ON THE TRAIL.** And please, Leave No Trace at the Trailers.

(For more information, see www.redcliffsdesertreserve.com)