

Gibson Basin - Egan Basin

TRAIL HEAD: These areas are best reached from the campground just to the east of Beaver Mountain Ski Area. This non-structured, popular campground is 24.2 miles up Logan Canyon at milepost 399.7. Excellent signs will direct you to this campground. There are rest rooms available here. The GPS coordinates (close) of the large parking area are N41°58.347' W111°31.929'. Safe drinking water is not available although there is plenty of water in Beaver Creek. A structured campground, the Beaver Creek campground, is in Idaho about six miles up Beaver Creek. Horses are not allowed inside the fencing (designed to keep range cattle out) but there are plenty of informal camp sites along Beaver Creek where horses can be kept on a high picket line.

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS: Tony Grove Creek, UT-ID; Egan Basin, ID; Paris Peak, ID.

ROUTE:

Sink Hollow: Proceed north up Sink Hollow to Gibson Basin. Just north of the Utah-Idaho border, you will encounter a sink where the small stream drops below the earth's surface. The marshes around Horse Lake in Gibson Basin spawn terrible numbers of deer flies. Blue Lake is a nice spot for a rest stop. At the north end of Gibson Basin there is an old logging road which will take you up and over the ridge east to Beaver Creek campground. If you choose not to take this old logging road, you can follow the Egan Basin (Beaver Creek) dirt road back around to the trail head. There is a lot of good riding in the Egan Basin area.

Old Logan Road: Another good ride is to make a loop from Beaver Creek campground up the "Old Logan Road", past the sinks and back down the dirt road from St. Charles. See if you can find Big Creek Lake in Section 33. Pat Hollow contains a monument to military personnel whose aircraft crashed on the ridge to the east of the monument. The spring shown in Section 10 produces good drinking water nearly year around.

The Great Western Trail: The Great Western Trail enters Utah from Idaho's Gibson Basin along Sink Hollow Trail (USFS 601). It passes the Beaver Mountain Ski Area, crosses the Logan Canyon Highway (US 89), climbs up Stump Hollow to Peters Sinks, descends to the Utah State University Forestry Station on USFS 054. It continues on USFS Trail 142 to Temple Fork road (USFS 007), along back trails and exits at the Left Hand Fork road along