

## **Millville Face**

Ride Name: Millville Elk Fence.

**TRAIL HEAD:** This ride can be reached from either Millville canyon or Blacksmith Fork canyon. Blacksmith Fork and Millville canyons provide the best parking. You will find the entrance to this area by following the wire fence south of the parking area (N41°40.122' W111°48.374') eastward to the horse gates provided by the Bridgerland Back Country Horsemen. The GPS coordinates of the Blacksmith Fork trail head are close to N41°W111°48.031'.

**TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS:** Logan, Utah.

**ROUTE:** This short ride is between the elk fence and the foothills. You can either follow the dirt service road or ride cross country along game trails. This ride is close to the population of Cache Valley and it ideal for training and conditioning rides.

**TRAIL FEATURES:** The area south of the Millville canyon is a State wildlife refuge area and entry is prohibited until May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Cache Wildlife Federation feeds approximately 150 elk during the winter months. In the spring, cattle graze the grass down so it doesn't overgrow the browse utilized by deer and elk as well as removing a potential fire danger of dry grasses.

To the west of the fence is a U. S. Fish & Wildlife research facility which studies coyotes. It is almost impossible to ride past the research station without coyotes spotting you and howling. It is quite a sound to hear nearly one hundred coyotes howling at the same time.

You can also ride north from the Millville canyon entrance along the fence. The trail becomes restricted between the fence and the foothills, but it is possible to ride to the Providence canyon entrance.