

## FAVORITE TRAILS - - - HI-LINE & HOBBLER CHAPTER

In the mid 80's a trail system was conceived by Uinta National Forest Service Personnel and begun in the Utah County area. It is The Great Western Trail. This trail will eventually go from Canada to Mexico. Much of it is in place now. Due to some negative circumstances when the new highway in Provo Canyon was built there was no way for equestrians using the GWT to cross from one side of the canyon to the other and continue riding the trail in either direction.

After more than eighteen years the various entities finally arrived at an agreement and a new equestrian parking area and trailhead was built and access made available to connect the GWT. The location is near Nunn's Park.

From I-80 take the 8<sup>th</sup> North exit in Orem and proceed east to the mouth of Provo Canyon. Continue up the canyon 3.2 miles to the Nunn's Park turn off and exit. Continue down the off ramp and turn left, under the highway. You will see the Back Country Horsemen parking, marked with an "equestrian only" sign. This is a small area and will accommodate only three or four rigs.(1)

Most of these trails are NOT loop trails and are ride out and back track trails. They are great for having a shuttle with the rig moved to a different destination.

### GOING NORTH:

Ride out of the parking area, (1) cross the river to the left on an old section of highway, to the chain link fence. Ride down the little hill to the corner of the fence, and follow the trail up along the fence to where the trail takes off to the left. That will soon put you on the old pipeline right-of-way, where the trail continues down canyon. About a mile later there will be a small bridge over a steep drop off. It may be best to walk and lead your horse over that. Just a short distance beyond the bridge there is a sign for the GWT and you take the trail to the right up the hill. (A) This will parallel the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in several places and eventually follows an old roadway. That roadway will take you directly to the trailhead above the water tanks and near the cemetery in Orem(C) or you can continue along the BST on the foothills to the trailhead at Dry Canyon above Lindon. (D) Or you can take the GWT to the right at the sign, (B) and ride across the lower face of the mountain all the way to the Timpooneke Trailhead in American Fork Canyon. There are several spin-off trails to the left to Dry Canyon or Battlecreek Canyon above Pleasant Grove and Burnt Hollow and Bear Canyon. Near the Timpooneke trailhead is an equestrian campground with corrals, water, restrooms and concrete pads. Reservations may be made to camp there.

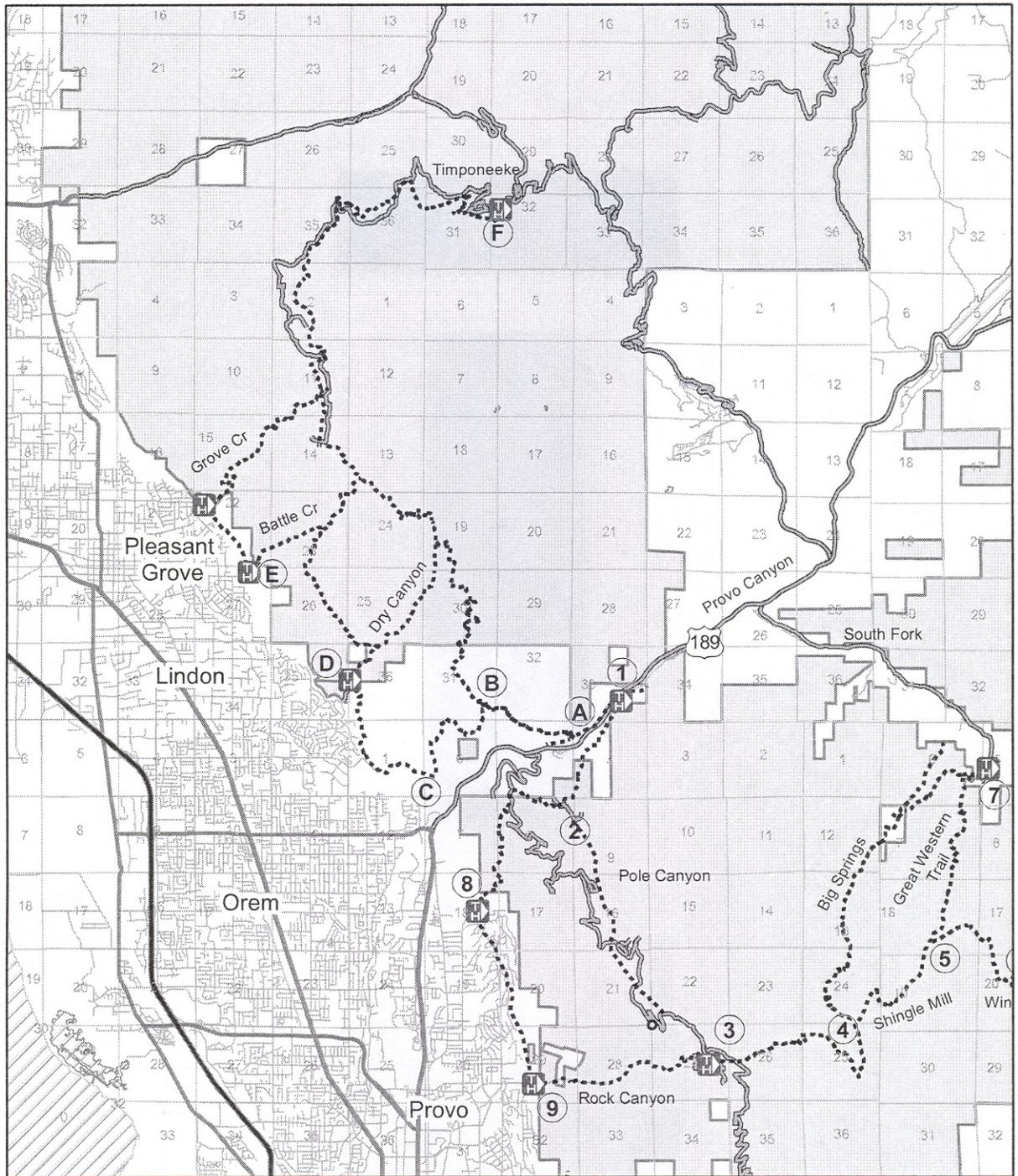
### GOING SOUTH:

Ride out of the parking area, (1) under the highway on the left side of the road to the little intersection; cross to the right side and access the Provo River Parkway (paved) on the right side and proceed about 100 yards. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail takes off to the right and down canyon. You can take this trail to the Indian Road Trailhead (8) just south of the mouth of Provo Canyon and just east off the Canyon Road. Or about halfway to the IRT and east of the paved Squaw Peak road you can turn off to the left, at the sign, on the Pole Canyon trail. (2) This trail parallels the Squaw Peak road and goes through one end of the Hope Camp grounds and continues to the Rock Canyon Campground. (3) From here you can go down canyon to the mouth of Rock Canyon near the L.D.S. Temple on the east side of Provo. (9) Or.....

On the left or opposite side of the road from the campground is a trail up Dry Fork. This trail will bring you through the terraces and up to the ridge overlooking the South Fork of Provo Canyon. From the ridge there are two trails, both steep and rocky. The one to the left (westerly) is Big Springs and takes you down to Big Springs and over to the GWT trailhead. (7) The one to the right is Shingle Mill Canyon. It may be best to ride the ridge a ways until the trail switchbacks to the right and to the bottom of the canyon. Until improvements are made the trail follows the drainage down until it intersects with the Great Western Trail. (5) To the right you can go up to Windy Pass, to Little Valley above Wallsburg then many miles to Spanish Fork Canyon. Or when you intersect the GWT, (5) you can ride left and down to the GWT parking/trailhead (7) in South Fork of Provo Canyon. Both of these trails off the top, are very steep.

There are several alternative trails off the main ones. Some may be steep and rocky. There are horse stalls with water available at the Cabala's store in north Lehi, just off I-15 and just north of the Alpine/Highland highway. Although they don't encourage overnight parking, it is rumored to be permitted. There is also a gray/black water dump available. Also there is a rodeo and fairgrounds in the town of Pleasant Grove that has overnight horse stalls and there is water available. You can park overnight also, but there are no rest room facilities available. If you wish, feel free to contact a member of Hi-line& Hobbles for further information.

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# Great Western Trail

## Timponee to Windy Pass



1 inch equals 2 miles