

Blackhawk Trail System

Submitted by members of the [Back Country Horsemen of Utah](#)

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Name of trail: Blackhawk Trail System

Name of trailhead: Blackhawk

Property manager & Maps: U.S. Forest Service, 400 N 100 W, Spanish Fork, Utah 84062 (801.798.3571)

Blackhawk Campground

Camping restrictions: Reservations required through Recreation.gov (Web site) or 1.877.444.6777 -- Loop E only

How easy is this trail: Various trails - easy to difficult

Surface:

Dirt, some rocks, some bogs (spring). Maps can be obtained from the concessionaire or the Forest Service office in Spanish Fork.

Features:

Water, 18 camp spots with tie rails, 2 group sites, toilet facilities, fee area

Obstacles: None

Animals need to be: Fair condition for short rides: Good condition for longer rides

Hazards: Blackhawk is used as an overflow for Payson Lakes

Normal ranges of comfort: May through September - elevation - 8000 feet

Current level of use:

High use on weekends - reservations are a good idea. Bikers, hikers, Llamas, and other users

Restrictions: Weed free hay: Clean up after the horses

Directions:

The directions to Blackhawk are to follow I-15 south to Payson. Take the Payson City off ramp, exit 254, and turn left through Payson. Turn left at the first light in downtown Payson. Follow north to Peteetneet St. This is the Nebo Loop Road. Follow this scenic byway up to and past Payson Lakes and continue to the Blackhawk Forest Service sign (about 14 miles) and turn left to the camp. The Nebo Loop Road can also be accessed from Nephi.

Remember always to use your best judgment. Always take a moment to consider the suitability the weather, trail conditions, your horsemanship skills, the skill of those in your party, and perhaps most important...the physical and mental condition of your horses before each trip.

Safe Trails !!!