

Shingle Creek

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

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SHINGLE CREEK TRAIL HEAD

The best access to this trail is from Kamas, Utah. Travel up highway 150 10.1 miles, the trail head will be on your left hand side. You can access this trail from Evanston, Wyoming, but it is a much longer drive. There are no toilet facilities at this trail head. Water for the animals can be obtained from the creek to the east of the parking area.

This trail can be either an overnight excursion or a day ride. The trail itself would be rated as easy to moderate. Many day hikers use this trail early in the year, June and July. In August and September use of the trail diminishes. Elevation is around 7600 feet at the trail head. You can climb to approximately 10,000 feet. Cell phones are not reliable in this area. There are several lakes that a person could fish. The fish are small but plentiful. The first lake you come to is East Shingle Creek Lake. It is about 6 miles from the trail head. There is not much in the way of grazing at this lake. Another 1-2 miles up the trail are the lakes North and South Erickson. Grazing for all overnight stay is usually available here. There are fish in these lakes also.

Most of this trail follows the bottom of the drainage. You can see small water falls early in the year. You will be surrounded by pines and quakies on your ride. Wildlife can be seen at all times of the year. What you see will depend on your eye sight and the time of day you are traveling. The trail is well marked and easy to follow. You can make this ride as long as you want. There are many places you can stop and eat lunch or have an afternoon nap. Cattle are grazing in this area during certain years. If that is a concern, you might want to find another trail to ride. If you want to stay overnight, there is a horse campground about 1 mile up the road from the Shingle Creek trail head. It has stalls to tie your horses to.

No water or restroom facilities are available in the camping area. You can get water for your horse from the Provo River southwest of the campground.

Happy trails.

Remember your low impact techniques while riding!

Remember always to use your best judgement. 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 !!!