Grandview Trails



Attractions

Located approximately 1 mile NW of the Village of High Rolls along FR162C, the Grandview (T130), Bridal Veil Falls (T129), and Salado Canyon Trestle (T128) Trails are part of the old Cloud-Climbing Railroad route.



Figure 1 – Kiosk and spectacular view along the Grandview Trail

Use

The area is open year-round to pedestrian traffic and is particularly nice to hike in the cooler months during the fall, winter, and early spring. The Fresnal Canyon stream usually trickles with water year-round in the area.

Access

From US82, turn north onto FR162C, just west of the convenience store & post office in High Rolls. From there continue for 1.6 miles on FR162C. The main trailhead will be on your left.

Trails

There are 3 trails totaling 4.5 miles of hiking opportunities ranging in elevation from 5,500' to 6,400'. All are rated easy.

As always, let someone know before you go.

History

The railroad arrived in Cloudcroft in 1899 and stayed in operation until WWII being finally dismantled in 1947. The Mexican Canyon Trestle is the largest trestle constructed and still stands today, but trestles such as Salado Canyon (see below) are scattered throughout its original path

All three trails were originally the path of the Cloud-Climbing Railroad, which made its way up nearly 5,000' from Alamogordo to Cloudcroft from 1899-1947. Bridal Veil Falls was spot the train stopped for passengers to cool themselves in the mist of the waterfall pouring into Salado Canyon.



Figure 2 – The remnants of the Salado Canyon Trestle, restored and reinforced, now a hiking bridge

Partnering with NM Rails to Trails

These trails were developed and maintained through a unique public and private partnership between the NM Rails-to-Trails Association (NMRTA) and the U.S. Forest Service. NMRTA is a private, non-profit organization composed of volunteers who convert abandoned railroads into trails for public enjoyment

Please call or visit the Sacramento Ranger District in Cloudcroft at (575) 682-2551 for more information.



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Map of Grandview Trails and surrounding features

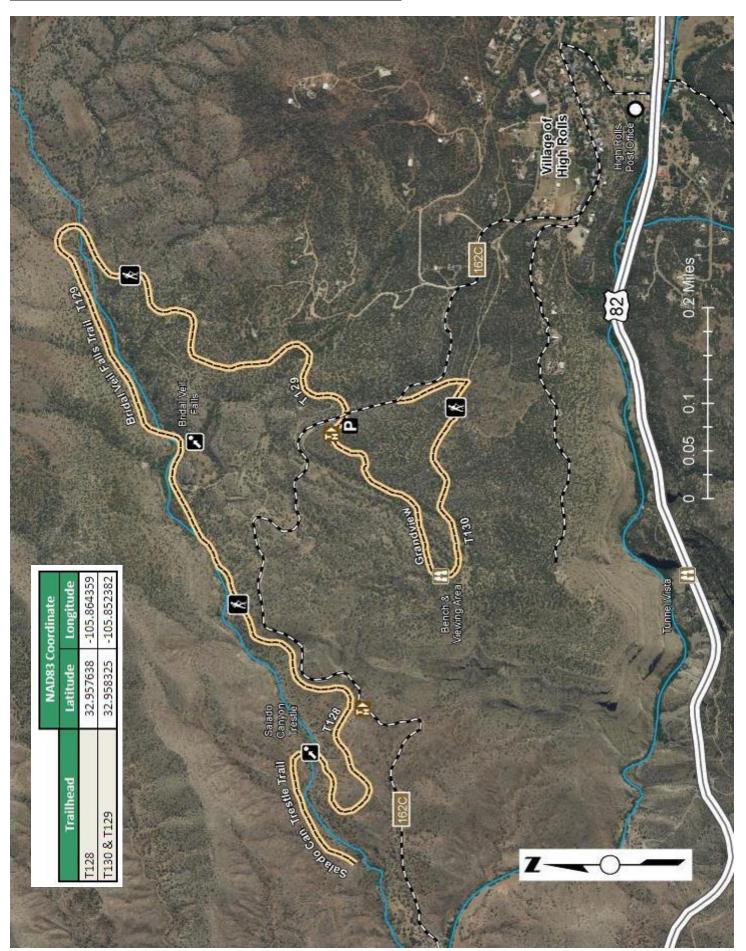


Figure 1 - Map of Grandview Trails