

TRAIL NAME: ALLIE CANYON, GRANT COUNTY, NM

Distance: About 12 miles round trip

Relevant USGS maps: Allie Canyon, 1999 and Silver City hiker's map, 1994

Directions:

1. Drive east from Silver City on US 180 to NM Hwy 152. Turn left onto 152.
2. Follow 152 about 14.25 miles to NM Hwy 35. Turn left onto 35.
3. Follow 35 about 9.3 miles to Allie Canyon Rd (on left).
4. Turn into parking area.

Parking is available for 3-4 rigs if everybody is thrifty about space. Parking area can be wet and muddy if creek has flooded recently. Watch for big rocks in the dirt driveway.



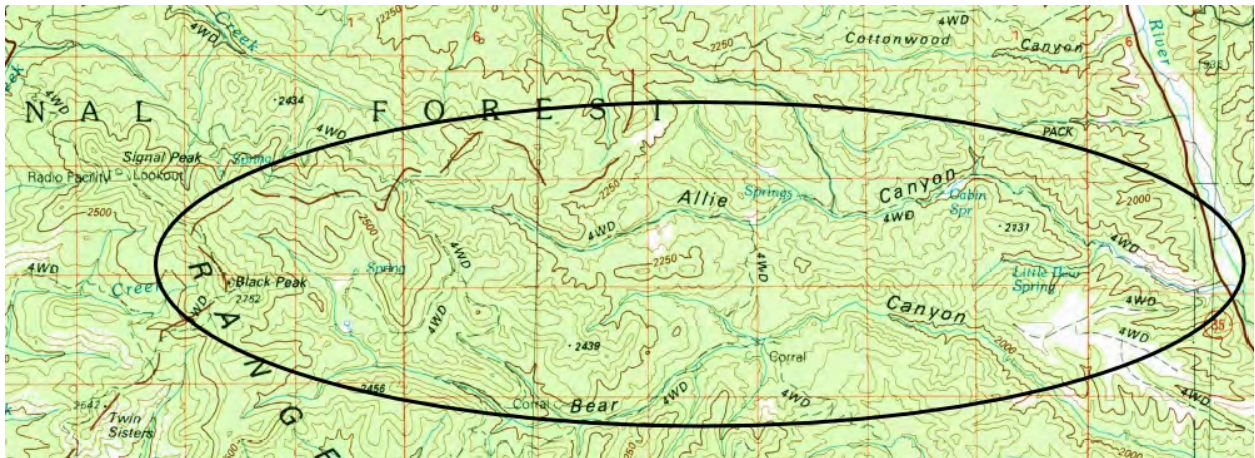
Trail Information:

- Rating: 3 = double and single track with small stream crossing, rolling hills or small elevation changes, some short steeper slopes.
- From parking area, proceed south on Allie Canyon Rd about ¼ mile to first of four barbed-wire gates. Through the gate, continue about 1/3 mile to a corral, windmill, and the 2nd gate.
- Allie Canyon Rd continues as a two-track for almost a mile, crossing the creek 7 or 8 times to the third gate.
- Beyond the third gate the two-track bears upslope from the creek. Between here and fourth gate (a distance of about 1-1/4 miles), the two-track sometimes turns into a narrow and rocky trail that can be intimidating for novice riders, especially at steep creek crossings.
- After the 4th gate, the two-track turns into an easy, sandy trail. The terrain opens into the gem of Allie Canyon. Here, the grazing permit holder has a cabin, water trough, and corrals on the north side of a wide meadow, bounded by ponderosas and the creek.
- The trail continues in an easy climb up the canyon well beyond the cabin. It is worth exploring if you have the time and stamina. Trails lead from Allie Canyon to Spring Canyon, Deadman Canyon, Bear Canyon, the Continental Divide Trail, and Twin Sisters.
- An alternate (and spectacular) route into Allie Canyon leads from the southeast side of the Mimbres Ranger station, located about 2 miles beyond the Allie Canyon trailhead. That trail joins the Allie Canyon trail from the north near gate #4.
- The grazing permit holder's cabin and corrals sit in a grassy meadow traversed by Allie Creek, which usually has water. A large stock trough awaits under trees in front of the cabin. Turn around here or continue on to explore other destinations on the trail (Bear Canyon, Hightower Canyon, Continental Divide Trail).

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- You can download USGS maps as .pdf files from the USGS Store (Google it). The best representation of the Allie Canyon trail appears on the USGS 1994 Silver City map (downloadable from the USGS Store and titled NM_Silver_City_194456_1994_100000.pdf), a portion of which appears below.

(The 1994 map is a folding map that you can carry for reference as you proceed down the trails around Silver City. You can purchase it at the Forest Service Silver City office on the 32nd St Bypass.)



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