

Nevada / Minden

## Pinyon Trail

DISTANCE: 5.5 miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 500 feet

ROUTE TYPE: Loop

Beautifully designed single track that is flowing and nicely maintained. I cannot wait to spend a day looping it on my bike. Views of the eastern Sierra are great as well as a valley on the eastern traverse. most of the upper loop is varying traverse and looks as though counter clockwise might yield the most DH. Very easy gradual climbing throughout.

This is a great trail for winter hiking! Some sections of the trail had patches of packed snow, and there were many areas of mud to avoid. However, that is to be expected and is worth it in order to enjoy a hike in December. The views of the Carson Range were spectacular. I cannot agree with the rating of moderate for this trail, as there is not a single strenuous or technical stretch. We did it today with my four year old who did not require any help from the adults in our group. Looking forward to doing this one again!

I've been on this trail twice and enjoyed it both times. The grade isn't too steep, so you get some gradual, steady ups, then a nice break on a downhill stretch. Trail is pretty well-maintained, good for running. My dog has a blast, too! Beautiful views! You just have to be aware that motorized vehicles cross the trail in a few places, but the xings are well-marked, and I only saw one motor bike total for both trips. In the summer it probably gets pretty hot since there is minimal if any tree cover. So far, I've only been in the spring with temps in the 70s.

