

NORTH BENCH TRAIL

INTERMEDIATE TWO TRACK - Ridden as a 16 mile **Out n' Back** to avoid a trespass or a 10 mile **Out n' Back** if you ride just to Coal Creek. The trail follows a high bench above the San Miguel River and Hwy 141. Nice views with rolling terrain.

The **TRAILHEAD** is accessed off CR V 19 about 1.5 miles up from Hwy 141. Follow V 19 up the Tabeguache Creek and look for the switchback on the right after 3/4 mile. The road gets steep in places as it climbs up to Third Park. The unmarked trailhead is found at a sharp left turn of the road on the right before the last pitch up to the mesa top. If you get to the top you have gone too far.

The trail is on an old two track which winds its way around various features on a high bench. As it heads in a SE direction, the views of the San Miguel River and the bluffs beyond constantly change. The cliffs making up the Third Park Mesa rim remain high above you to the north. At mile five the trail has dropped down and crossed Coal Creek and begins to climb again on the bench. At mile 8, the ride turns around to avoid a trespass.



