

AMASA BASIN

▲ How to Get There

Location- West Desert.

Distance from Redwood Road and North Temple, Salt Lake City- Approximately 175 miles or three hours.

Travel route- South on I-15 to Nephi; southwest on SR-132 to Lynndyl; southwest on US-6 to Delta and west on US 50/6 for approximately 40 miles to the trailhead exit at mile post 51.5; and then approximately 11 miles northwest to the trailhead.

▲ Ride Description

Trailhead- Miller Canyon.

Length- Approximately 33 miles.

Time to ride- A few hours to all day.

Difficulty- Easiest
 More Difficult
 Most Difficult
 Extreme

Elevation- 5,400 to 9,000 feet.

Signing- All routes are or will be signed according to the symbols on the map.

Best season to ride- Late spring, summer to late fall.

Things to see- Wildlife (antelope, eagles/hawks, etc.). Lots of old mines and mining relics in Amasa Basin. Trail ends at the edge of the Notch Peak Wilderness Study Area. There is a great short hike south along the ridge from the end of the trail. There are spectacular views of the many mountain ranges in all directions. There is nearly a 4,000-foot vertical drop from the ridge to the valley floor to the west. Vegetation is grass, shrubs and stands of pinyon and juniper at the lower elevations and aspen, Fir and bristle cone pine at the higher elevations.

▲ Services

Water, food, lodging and fuel - Available in Delta.

Restrooms- None.

Camping- Camping is permitted on BLM administered lands.

Emergency services- This is a very remote area. There is limited cell phone coverage. It may be several hours before rescue services will be on site. Be prepared. Make sure you have a tow strap, tire repair kit and basic repair tools.

▲ Cautions

Travel restrictions- The Notch Peak Wilderness Study Area is closed to motorized travel. The remainder of the area is open for motorized travel. Riders are encouraged to stay on existing roads and trails to prevent unnecessary impacts to the land.

Private land- None.

Gates- Leave all gates as you find them. If they are open, leave open. Close if closed.

Livestock- Do not harass livestock. Slow down and let them get out of the way.

Wildlife- Look, but don't disturb.

Hunting- A hunting license does not give anyone the right to travel on closed roads or trails. There are no exceptions for game retrieval on public lands.

Fire- Check with the BLM office in Fillmore for any open fire restrictions. You will be responsible for any damage and cost associated with a wildfire you cause.

Waste- If you packed it in, pack it out. Do not bury trash.

Special equipment needed- Bring plenty of water during the hot summer months.

▲ Difficulty Rating

● **Easiest (solid green circle)-** Gravel or dirt surfaces which are relatively flat and wide. Generally wide enough for an ATV to pass a full-sized vehicle. May be dusty but are relatively smooth throughout with no rocks or roots protruding more than three inches above the surface.

■ **More Difficult (solid blue square)-** Loose gravel, sandy, rocky or slickrock surface. May have short sections which are narrow. Can have blind turns, steep or roller coaster grades, minor drop-offs, dust, ruts and frequent changes in riding surfaces. Occasional obstacles may strike the frame.

◆ **Most Difficult (solid black diamond)-** Rocky surfaces, sharp turns, switchbacks, steep grades, narrow passages, low overhangs, ledges and large rocks. Can be slippery and muddy when wet. May have tree stumps, limbs or other debris. Machines with low ground clearance may strike or high center on obstacles. Some riders may be more comfortable using four wheel drive machines.

◆◆ **Extreme (solid double black diamond)-** May be extremely steep and rocky with ledges and drop-offs, narrow switchbacks, boulders and uneven or unbalanced trail surfaces. May be long stretches of loose rock or deep sand on steep grades with extreme side-slopes. Some obstacles will high center most machines. Four-wheel drive is recommended. In some areas it may be necessary to walk machines over or have a helping third hand. These routes require experienced riders with a full array of good riding skills. All users should consider riding abilities and machine capabilities before attempting these routes.