

Hike: Bristlecone Trail — trail

Trailhead: Upper parking lot at Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort - marked

Distance: 5 miles — round trip

Elevation gain: 600 feet

Elevation peak: none

Time: 2.5 to 3.5 hours – round trip

Difficulty: 1

Danger level: 1

Class: 1

How easy to follow: 1

Children: Yes

Waypoints (WGS 84) See Page

Fees: None

Best season: Summer

Driving directions: From Las Vegas take U.S. 95 north 28 miles to State Route 156. Go left (west) on 156 and drive 18 mile to the end of the road at Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort. Park at the far (west) end of the parking lot. The marked trailhead is on the west side. The kiosk is located within the first 25 yards of the start of the trail. (See **Photo 1**.)

Comments: This is the most hiked trail in the area. It's a great trail to introduce children to hiking. If doing the entire loop, the end of the trail is about a half mile down the highway from the trailhead. Mountain bikes are allowed on the trail.

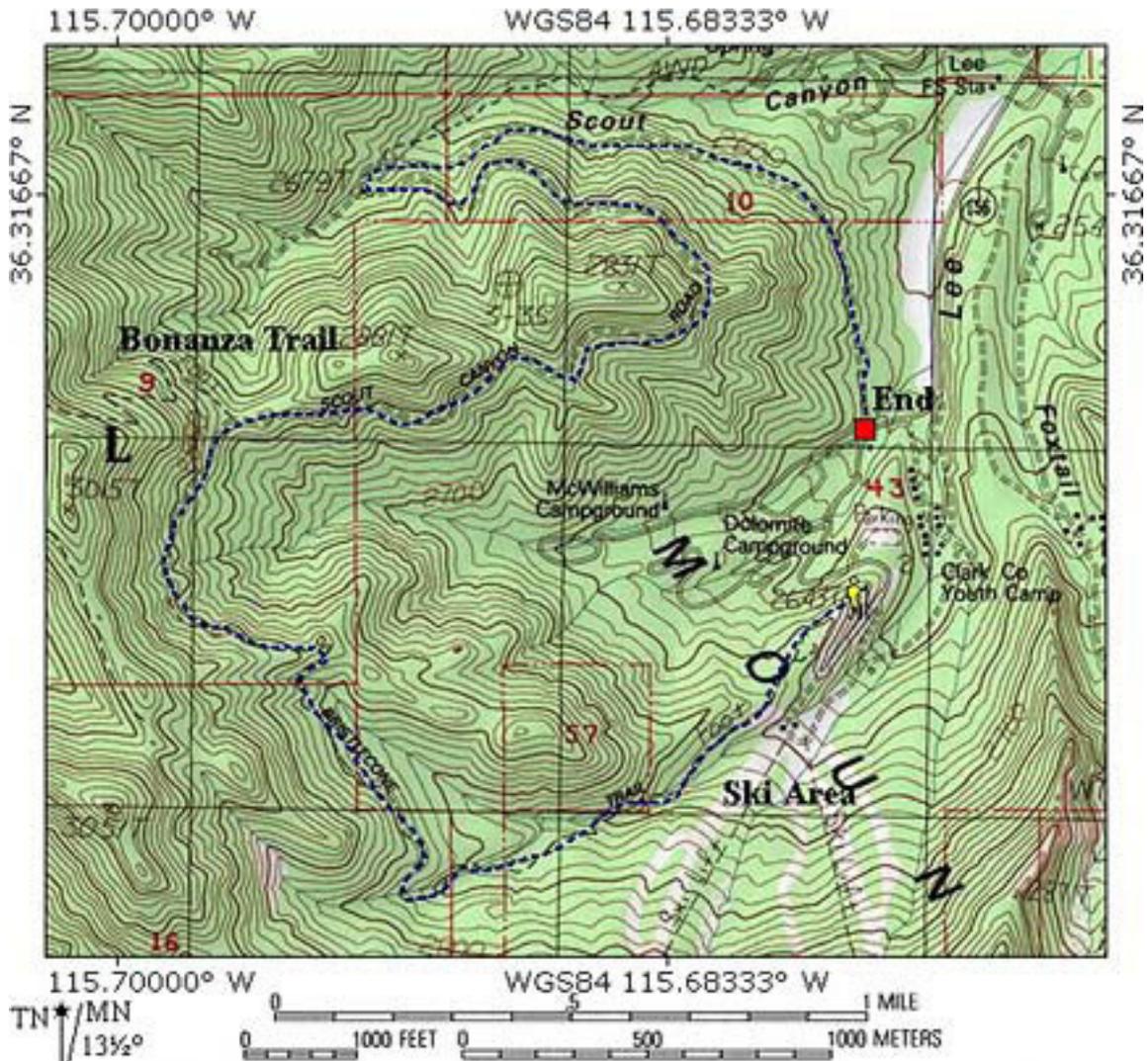


Photo 1

The Hike: The well-maintained trail starts at an easy pace and heads west. The trail soon forks; take either one, since the two forks come together in about 100 yards. You'll walk by a thick forest of aspen and white fir that turn golden yellow in the fall. The trail ascends a series of switchbacks, while the trees help keep you cool during the moderate incline. After climbing to a highpoint, the trail snakes down the backside of a mountain. After two miles, the trail follows an abandoned gravel road and

soon forks. The trail to the left goes to Bonanza Peak trailhead. Bonanza Trail is a 12-mile trail that passes Clark Pond, McFarland Peak, and Bonanza Peak.

The Bristlecone Trail continues on the abandoned road and descends into a canyon. At about four miles, the trail passes the Old Mill Road which heads downhill to a picnic area. The trail terminates at a dirt parking lot. Follow the dirt road to State Route 156. Walk west on 156 to the trailhead.



Waypoints:

1. 36.30669N 115.67805W Trailhead