

EAGLE/SAGE TRAILS

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Rating:	moderate-most difficult
Distance:	2.7 miles
Surface:	crusher fines, road base
Width:	Avg: 10' Min: 3'
Cross slope:	Avg: 0% Max: 5%
Grade:	Avg: 3% Max: 13% for 40'
Picnic:	none
Other users:	dogs (voice/sight control), bikes, horses
Parking:	general parking with 1 designated Spot (4%, 2.7 c slope)
Structures:	8 gates, 2 bridges
Restrooms:	1 set (moderate)
Shade:	not much cover
Location:	There are two trailheads for the Eagle/Sage Trail loop. The Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead (Sage Tr.) is on Longhorn Rd. east of Hwy 36 just north of Boulder. Eagle trailhead is located off of 51 st St. northwest of the entrance to Boulder Reservoir.

Description

Starting at the Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead, the Sage Trail begins with a gradual climb of 1-2% with a few short downhill stretches for 0.7 miles. At this point you reach Eagle Trail. Take the Eagle Trail to the east. The Eagle Trail to the west is almost impossible with a wheelchair. It is a steep, rutted, single-track trail, with some severe cross slopes.

Heading east, the trail passes through a gate and down a 12% grade for 40 feet. Most of the trail from this point on has a 5-6% grade. There are a few low spots on the trail that are sometimes a bit muddy and are often rutted when dry. Upon passing the pond there is a 26-inch gate with a 14% rutted slope rising from it. A steep climb reaching a grade of 13% for 40 feet and a crosslope of 8% occurs next. This is the most difficult section of the trail.

The trail forks at the top of the hill. The Eagle Trail heads southeast (right) to the Eagle Trailhead and the Sage Trail heads northwest (left) back to Boulder Valley Ranch. If you follow the Sage Trail, there is a downhill section reaching a grade of 12%. The trail then climbs for the next 0.7 mile to the parking lot of Boulder Valley Ranch with a final 12% climb of 20 feet. Most gates along the route are always open except for the gates at the trailheads which require 3 lbs of force and are 28 – 43.5 inches wide. The second gate northeast of the Boulder Valley Ranch Trailhead (5lbs, 43"), has a 15% rutted slope approaching it. 100 feet in front of the gate is a section of trail with a 9 – 14% grade and a crosslope of 10%. Two small bridges (hardly noticeable) are located near the northwest corner of the trail. The 2nd bridge has a 2.5-inch lip on one end. Most of the trail is road base except for a 0.4-mile section of crusher fines.

The trail does not have much cover, so it can get unbearably hot in the summer months. Wildlife such as coyotes, raptors, waterfowl, and prairie dogs reside in this area. Vegetation is mostly grass, yucca, and cottonwoods.

Boulder Valley Ranch -- Eagle Trailheads

