

Alpine Lodge

Off-Road Guide

Roads and trails in the area open to Jeeps, ATV's and Motorcycles

Cabresto Canyon - From the Alpine parking lot take a left and head toward Questa, turn on St. Rd. 563 which is marked with a sign (Cabresto Lake) and turns into Forest Road 134. Once on Forest Road 134, you will travel 7 miles. The turn for the lake will be on your left or you can continue straight and reach Greenie Peak, Midnight Meadows, several non-working mines, and loop back to Red River and the Alpine.

Cabresto Lake Road - From the Alpine follow the directions to Cabresto Canyon. Approximately 7 miles up the Cabresto Canyon Road will be Forest Road 134A on your left. Travel FR 134A for about 2 miles on a primitive single track road to the lake. The road is littered with campgrounds and a hiking trail intersects it on every switchback.

4th of July Canyon (Forest Road 490) - From the Alpine, take a right out of the parking lot and travel approximately 4 miles on Hwy 578 toward the upper valley. The sign for FR 490 will be on your left and the road takes you to beautiful overlooks and high mountain meadows.

Garrapata Ridge - From the Alpine turn left and go to Questa. At the only traffic light in Questa, turn left and take HWY 522 for about 5 miles. You will see a sign on your right and the road shortly after. The road is approximately a 6 mile loop that connects with Forest Road 9 and leads to Cebolla Mesa. Travel in wet weather is very difficult and not recommended.

Goose Lake (Forest Road 486) - From the Alpine take a right and go approximately ½ mile on Hwy 578 towards the Upper Red River Valley. Forest Road 486 will be on your right, marked with a sign (Goose Lake). This is recommended for ATV's and high clearance 4WD vehicles only. It is 8 miles to the lake on an extreme 4x4 road with many old mining and homestead relics along the way.

Mallette Canyon - From the Alpine go straight on Mallette Rd in-between Sitzmark Sports and the Mining Company. At the stop sign continue straight and go past the park. From this road you can access Greenie Peak, Midnight Meadows, Cabresto Canyon, and Questa from several different trails. This is a popular trail in the area so expect some traffic from ATV's and 4WD vehicles.

Old Red River Pass (Forest Road 487) - From the Alpine, travel approximately 1 mile on Hwy 578 toward the Upper Red River Valley. Forest Road 487 is located on your left and will take you to the top of Bobcat Pass. There are several areas that are washed out with deep ruts. 4WD is a must on this road.

Pioneer Creek - Exit the Alpine parking lot on the west side (Pioneer Road) and turn right toward the Red River Ski Area. Turn right on the road just before the ski area parking lot. Follow the Forest Service signs. Along this road you can find a collection of old mines and buildings. Be aware that these buildings were built at the turn of the 19th century and are considered dangerous to enter. This road has some large ruts from heavy rains and snow melt.

The staff of the Alpine Lodge hopes that you enjoy this guide. Please feel free to give us feed back on these trails and let us know your favorites. Take care and have a wonderful ride.