Coronado National Forest

Huachuca Mountains

Carr Peak Trail #107

(Carr Peak Spur #108 & Old Sawmill Spring Trail #126)



This trail provides a relatively moderate hike to some of the best views in the Huachucas. In the process it also offers access to two of the highest points in southeastern Arizona, Carr Peak and Miller Peak (via the Crest Trail #103). For these reasons, this combination of trails provides some of the most popular hiking on the Sierra Vista Ranger District.

Carr Peak Trail is accessible from both Reef Townsite and Ramsey Vista Campgrounds on scenic Carr Canyon Road (FR 368). The main trailhead is located at the edge of a parking area just outside Ramsey Vista Campground. Other means of access are provided by a short spur that comes directly out of the Ramsey Vista Campground, or you may hike the Old Sawmill Spring Trail from the parking lot across FR 368 from the Reef Townsite Campground to its junction with the Carr Peak Trail.

Much of the 2,000 foot climb from the trailhead to the summit is through an area that has been burned by at least two wildfires, one in 1977 that scorched much of the upper reaches of the mountain range and a smaller one in 1991. These areas of disturbance are well on their way to healing naturally as various shrubs, trees and wildflowers return to reclaim them

To get to the top of **Carr Peak** (9,220'), you'll need to follow the short but steep Carr Peak Spur, which branches off the main trail on the south side of Carr Peak. The total climb to the summit is approximately 2.8 miles from the trailheads at either campground. The main trail continues on to a connection with the Crest Trail, which offers access not only to Miller Peak, but to the rest of the Huachuca Mountains trail network.

Attractions:

Access to Carr and Miller Peaks

Skyline views

Campgrounds nearby

Access to other trails

Season: March through December

Length: 4.1 miles (#107), 0.3 mile (#108), 0.7 mile (#126)

Elevation: 7,225'-9,446'

Rating: More difficult (#107), moderate (#108 & #126)

Use: Moderate

USGS Map(s): Miller Peak

Access: Drive south of Sierra Vista seven miles on AZ Highway 92 to Carr Canyon Road (FR 368). Follow FR 368 about 6.5 miles to the Old Sawmill Spring trailhead across from the entrance to Reef Townsite Campground or continue another 1.3 miles to trailheads at Ramsey Vista Campground at the end of FR 368. Carr Peak Spur is accessible via the Carr Peak Trail.

Notes: Purification of water is recommended prior to use. Carr Peak Trail and Carr Peak Spur Trail are located in the Miller Peak Wilderness.

Motorized and mechanized vehicles and equipment, including mountain bikes, are not permitted in Wilderness. See the Wilderness section of this guide for more wilderness rules and ethics.

Before using this trail, call the Sierra Vista Ranger District for current trail conditions, which can vary with season, weather and maintenance status.

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