



Boggy Draw Mountain Bike Trail System

Trail Name	Miles	Kilometers	Trail Difficulty	Rating	MTB Project Ranking		
					System	Colorado	National
Boggy Draw Loop	8.4	13.5	Easy/Intermediate	3.8	1	187	1,336
Little Bean Canyon Trail	11.4	18.4	Intermediate	3.9	1	481	5,024
Italian Canyon Trail	5.8	9.4	Intermediate	4	2	535	5,181
Mavericks Trail	5.2	8.4	Easy/Intermediate	3.3	9	1,078	11,043
McPhee Overlook Trail <i>(Closed Dec 1 – Apr 15)</i>	9	14.5	Intermediate	4	1	744	6,829
Olympique Loop <i>(Winter Use Only)</i>	4.5	7.2	Easy/Intermediate	4	4	778	7,162
Crimson Slide Loop <i>(Winter Use Only)</i>	4	6.4	Easy	4	5	801	7,432
Italian Ice Loop <i>(Winter Use Only)</i>	4.4	7.1	Easy/Intermediate	4	6	805	7,454
Speedy's Loop <i>(Winter Use Only)</i>	3.6	5.8	Easy	4	7	820	7,717
Grayson Loop <i>(Winter Use Only)</i>	2.3	3.7	Easy	4	8	834	7,912

Trail Difficulty, Rating, and Ranking based on the MTB Project (www.mtbproject.com)

Trails in **RED** are intended for winter use only when trails are covered in snow.

Trail Difficulty Key

	Easy	5% grade; 2 inch obstacles
	Intermediate	10% grade; 8 inch obstacles
	Difficult	15% grade; 15 inch obstacles, occasional harder sections
	Extreme Difficulty	20% grade, 15+ inch obstacles, many harder sections

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MTB Project Trail Comments

Boggy Draw Loop

The Boggy Draw loop is the core of the Boggy Draw trail system. It is just under 9 miles of generally smooth, flowing singletrack. Boggy Draw is a great place to ride in the heat of the summer as it is mostly shaded and cooler than other local rides like Phil's World.

The Boggy Draw loop starts a few miles up the hill from the town of Dolores in a signed trailhead parking lot. There is a kiosk near the parking lot with a trail map showing the various recreation trails in the area. To access the main Boggy Draw loop, continue East on County Rd W out of the parking lot for a couple hundred yards and take the signed singletrack on the right.

Once on the singletrack, follow it through some good camp sites and across a small dam. There is often wildlife including ducks, geese, frogs, and songbirds around the pond on the backside of this dam. Shortly after the pond you'll encounter a signed intersection with the Mavericks Loop trail. Stay left to continue on the Boggy Draw loop.

The trail rolls through the cool Ponderosa forest for a while with a few forest service road crossings. The trail is obvious at all of these crossings and should not cause any confusion.

Near mile 3 you'll cross the main county road again and begin a slight descent that flows really well. The trail then turns up for a short climb that will get your heart rate back up but is not terribly difficult. At the

top of the climb, go through the cattle gate and drop into another slight descent that has a few small rocky areas.

Continuing on the singletrack takes you by a couple more small ponds and across an open meadow back into the trees. There is another signed intersection with the Bean Canyon Loop here. Stay left again and ride through a previously logged area. Another intersection with the exit of the Bean Canyon Loop comes in from the right, but stay left to get back to the parking lot.

Ride across the big meadow and follow the singletrack right back to the parking lot where you started.

Little Bean Canyon Trail

This trail begins at the [Boggy Draw Loop](#) trailhead parking lot. Head north under the power line and pass the first fork on the left, this is the return of the trail you are riding. A half a mile further there will be another left that starts the climb onto the mesa. The trail climbs along a fence, then heads left down a small draw. At the bottom of this draw you'll cross a forest road and climb a switchback up the mesa.

At the top of this climb cross a paved road, and the trail winds back and forth until you reach an overlook with amazing views. Follow the rim from here, then drop down the edge steeply into the canyon. The trail gets fast here and you'll pass several ponds until you reach the bottom of the canyon. The trail turns left and climbs up the bottom of the canyon until you reach a pond at the top. From here, the trail goes right and crosses the paved road again on your way back to the trail you came in on. At this point you'll turn right and cross under the power line on your way back to the parking lot.

Italian Canyon Trail

This trail starts about 1/3rd of the way around the Mavericks Trail and goes east from there. It rolls along with a few short, but punchy climbs before opening into some great views to the east and north. From here the grade is much easier and the singletrack drops through scrub oak and sage. You'll pass a small pond and the trail climbs to the north and a great view into the canyon. From here it returns straight west to the Mavericks Trail again.

Mavericks Trail

This trail off the [Boggy Draw Loop Trail #199](#) from the Boggy Draw trailhead and heads south, and then east. It rolls along with a few short climbs and descends through the pinon forest to the south until you see a fence and a field. From there, it climbs to the east past the start of the [Italian Canyon Trail](#) and up to a small pond. The trail subsequently does a winding loop south and then back up north to near the same pond. The trail then heads west by a larger pond and some slickrock, then back to the parking lot.

 The following trail is closed December 1 to April 15 to protect critical big game winter range. Call the Dolores Ranger District for more information: (970) 882-7296.

McPhee Overlook Trail This trail starts at the cemetery at the west end of Dolores with lots of room to park. Unfortunately, the beginning 300 yds are very steep due to limited space given to get up onto the mesa. Please don't let this discourage you, once you get on top it's a beautiful, rideable trail with fantastic overlooks of the McPhee Reservoir.

This is an enjoyable singletrack through pinon and juniper, with drops and climbs of three ravines. It is easiest if riding from Dolores to [Little Bean Canyon Trail #198](#) then take County Road 31 (pavement) back down to Dolores.

 The following trails are for winter use only when snow covered. See Southwest Colorado Cycling Association's [website](#) or [Facebook page](#) for additional info and trail conditions.

Olympique Loop From the trailhead, follow the groomed uphill trail on FS527 (Boggy Draw Rd). Take the first junction on the right (after about 1.6 miles). This trail has some steeper climbs and descents, which gives it an intermediate rating. Don't brake too hard on the downhills to avoid rutting out the trail.

Crimson Slide Loop This loop is right in the middle of the Boggy Draw winter fat bike trail system. It has a little bit of everything. It heads mostly downhill to start, then you get to climb back out. This one is recommended to ride clockwise.



Italian Ice Loop This is the most southerly loop of the Boggy Draw winter fat bike trail system. It has some steeper climbs and faster descents which give it an intermediate rating. Try to avoid breaking too hard on the downhills to minimize sinking and rutting the trail. This one is recommended to ride counterclockwise.



Speedy's Loop From the trailhead, head uphill on the groomed FS527 (Boggy Draw Rd). Take the second junction (after about 2.6 miles) on the right. This is a nice, flowing, groomed singletrack which mostly heads downhill. It's recommended to ride this loop clockwise.



Grayson Loop From the trailhead, head uphill on the groomed FS527 (Boggy Draw Rd). Take the second junction (after about 2.6 miles) on the right. This is a nice, flowing, groomed singletrack which mostly heads downhill. It's recommended to ride this loop clockwise.

