

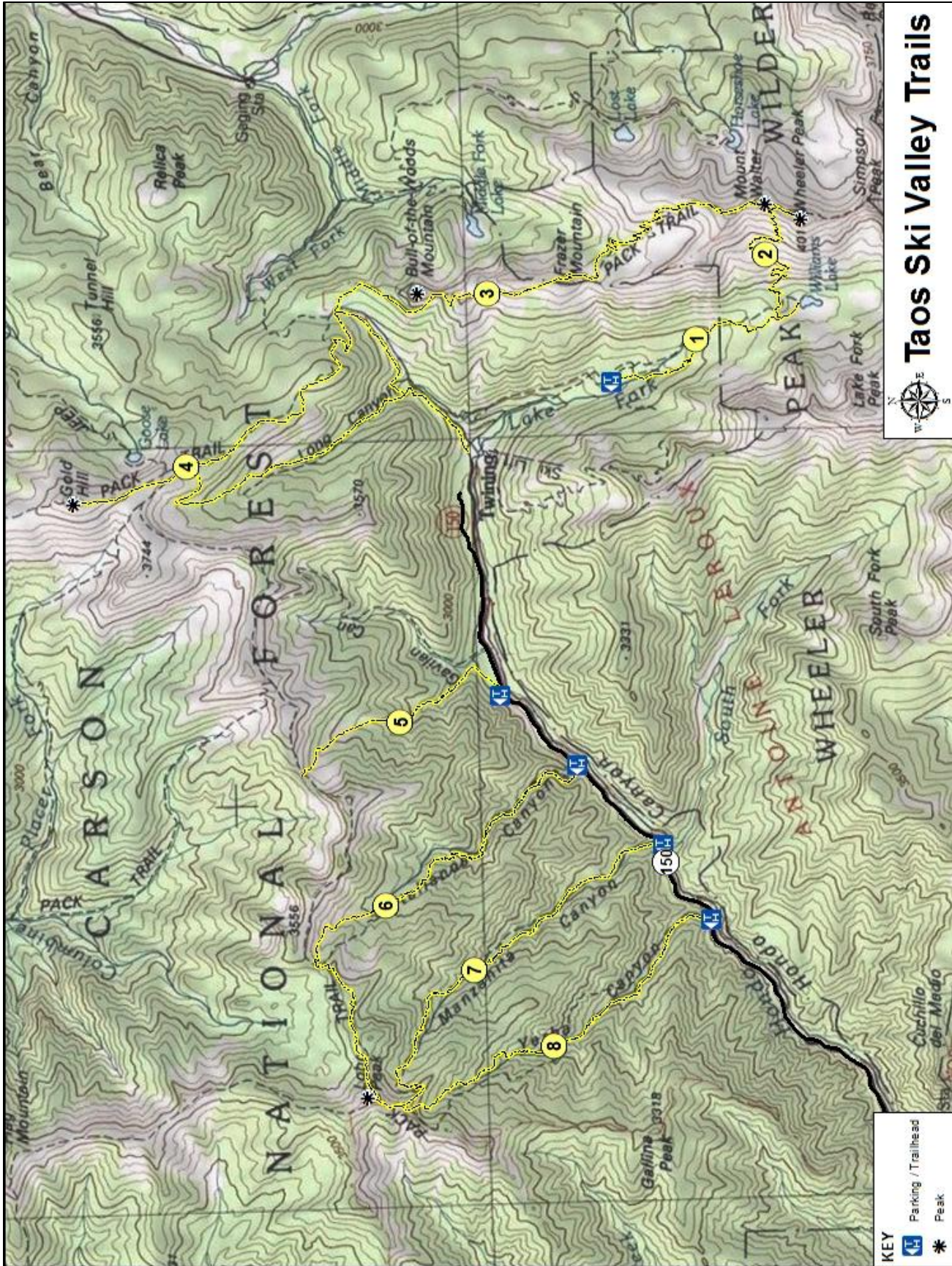


### Taos Ski Valley Trails

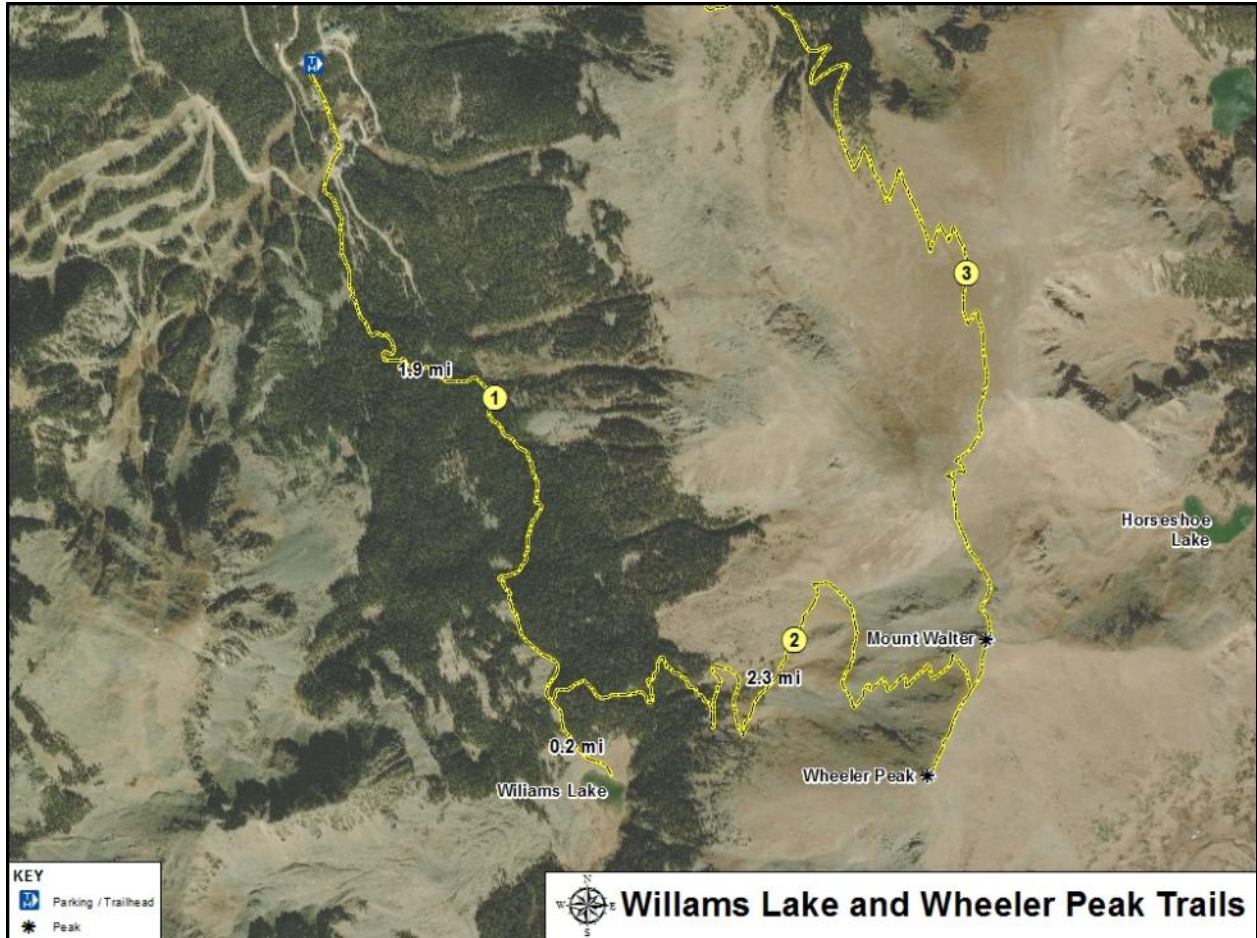
Map	Trail Name	Difficulty	Route Type	Distance	Elev. Gain
1	Williams Lake	Moderate	Out & Back	4.2 mi / 6.6 km	965 ft
2	Wheeler Peak	Difficult	Out & Back	8.4 mi / 13.6 km	3010 ft
3	Wheeler Peak Trail #90	Difficult	Out & Back	14.0 mi / 22.8 km	4550 ft
4	Gold Hill and Long Canyon	Difficult	Out & Back / Loop	9.9 mi / 16.1 km	3130 ft
5	Gavilan Canyon	Difficult	Out & Back	4.6 mi / 7.4 km	2250 ft
6	Lobo Peak via Italianos Canyon	Difficult	Out & Back	10.4 mi / 16.8 km	3770 ft
7	Lobo Peak via Manzanita Canyon	Difficult	Out & Back	8.6 mi / 13.6 km	3810 ft
8	Lobo Peak via Yerba Canyon	Difficult	Out & Back	7.6 mi / 12.4 km	3900 ft

Trail Difficulty provided by [Alltrails.com](http://Alltrails.com)

These eight trails are located within the Carson National Forest / Wheeler Peak Wilderness. As one hikes the steep elevations to reach many of the peak destinations, one will pass through forests and alpine meadows. Views from many of the peaks is phenomenal with a 360 view shed.



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1. Williams Lake Trail

This trail can be hiked as a simple out and back (4.2 mi) or as part of the larger Wheeler Peak Trail.

2. Wheeler Peak Trail

Probably the most popular trail within the system, this hike will test one's endurance as it takes several steep switch backs up the western slope of Wheeler Peak. One is rewarded with the opportunity to stand at the highest elevation in New Mexico at 13,161 ft. In addition, a side trail to Mount Walters will allow one to stand on the second highest elevation of 13,131 ft. The 360 view is phenomenal. Along the trek, one will see numerous Pika, Marmuts, and Chipmunks. Depending upon the year, the opportunity to see Bighorn Sheep is possible.



3. Wheeler Peak Trail #90

A much longer route to Wheeler Peak, this trail takes one across Bull-of-the-Woods Mountain, Frazer Mountain, La Cal Basin, and Mount Walter. The 14 mile round trip can be shortened a bit by returning via Wheeler and Williams Lake Trails.



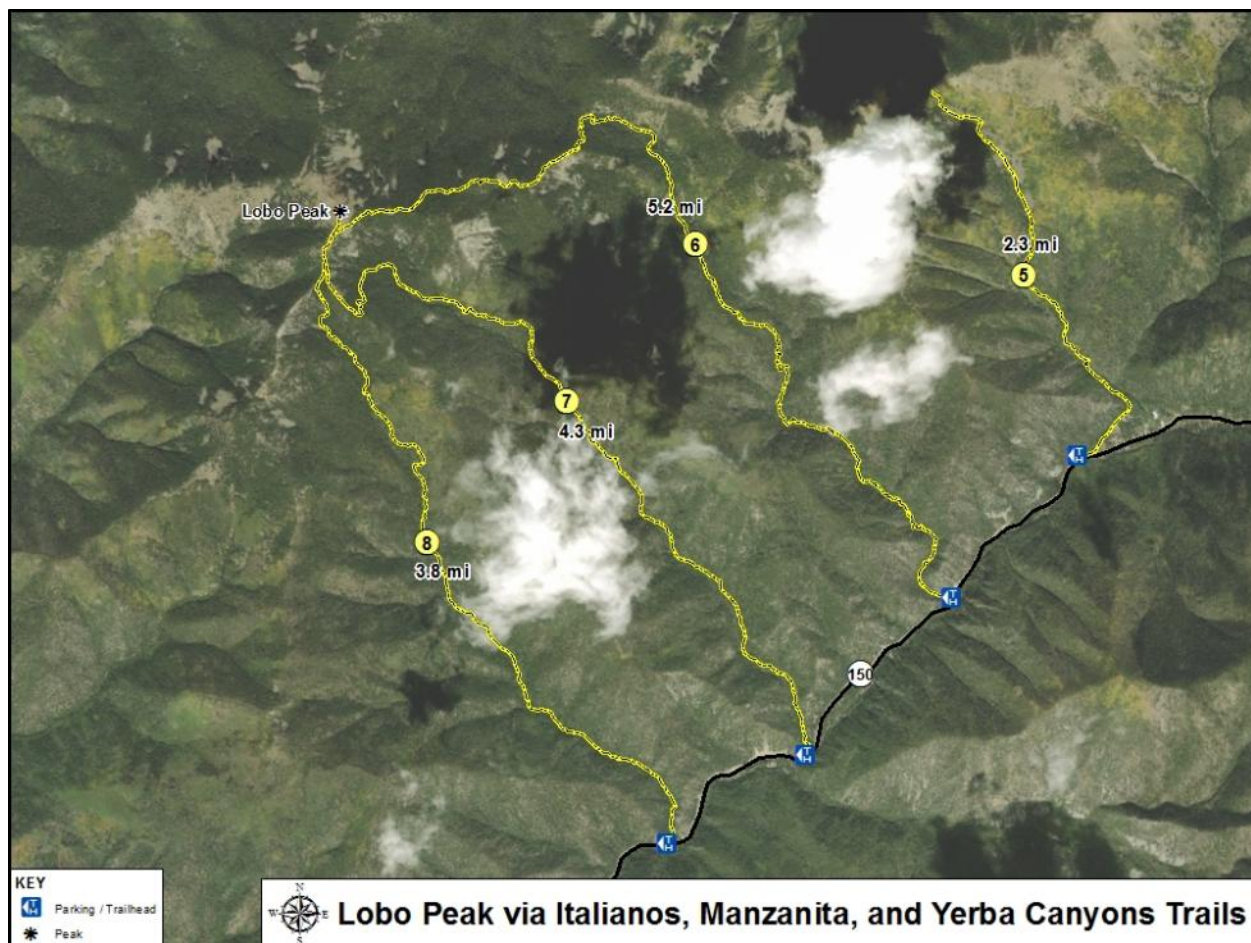
4. Gold Hill & Long Canyon Trails

The trail head starts at the same location as Wheeler Peak #90 trail, but one has the option of heading north on either Long Canyon or along the ridge system to Gold Hill Peak. The hike can be taken as either an out and back or combination loop.



5. Gavilan Trail

This trail is an out and back hike from Hwy 150 up along the west fork of Gavilan Canyon. Very steep in parts with alternating switchbacks. Dense forest, with pines and aspens that ends in an open meadow at the junction of Lobo Trail.



6. Lobo Peak via Italianos Canyon Trail  
This trail is an out and back hike from Hwy 150 up Italianos Canyon to Lobo Peak. A very steep hike through dense forest, numerous switchbacks and water crossings.
7. Lobo Peak via Manznita Canyon Trail  
This trail is an out and back hike from Hwy 150 up Manzanita Canyon to Lobo Peak. A very steep hike through dense forest.
8. Lobo Peak via Yerba Canyon Trail  
This trail is an out and back hike from Hwy 150 up Yerba Canyon to Lobo Peak. Intial half of trail meanders along a stream and then increases in steepness to reach Lobo Peak. Dense forest until the summit to Lobo Peak.