



Trail 44--East 224 Connector

**kid friendly*

Duration: 1 hour

Distance: 2.3 miles one-way

Difficulty: Easy

Trailhead: (2) Willow Creek Park; RedStone shopping Complex

Elevation: Willow Creek Park 6560'; RedStone 6400'

Avalanche: None

Map: Park City West 7.5' quadrangle

GPS Coordinates: None

Dogs: Allowed on leash

Introduction: New as of spring 2006, the East 224 Connector was established and is maintained by the Mountain Trails Foundation. They groom the trail during winter months. This trail, and the McLeod Creek trail, were established to connect Park City from one end to the other. The East 224 Connector connects Park City with the RedStone shopping complex at the Kimball Junction exit. A nice, easily accessed stretch of trail that begins at a city park and ends at a shopping center, locals will use the trail as they snowshoe to pick up groceries, or to take their pooch on a morning run. The trail is used for skiing, snowshoeing, walking dogs, family outings, and a good sled pull.

Remember that at warmer times of the season the snow pack may not be ideal because of lower elevation.

How to get there: See above trail for directions to Park City. At the Kimball Junction/Park City junction turn right off the exit and head toward Park City. Turn left onto Old Ranch Road. The trailhead sits just down this road off the left-hand side.

The trail can also be started at RedStone shopping center. Parking is plentiful. Shortly after turning onto UT-224 off the Kimball Junction/Park City exit, turn east on Uinta Blvd to RedStone. Take the first right and park below the RedStone sign. The groomed trail begins across the street

Trail description: The trail itself begins/ends at Willow Creek Park (where the McLeod Creek trail--Trail 41-- ends). It runs north behind beautiful affluent homes, to the side of the Swaner Nature Preserve, and culminates at a Wild Oats (and a host of other stores). At times the trail closes in on fenced back yards and as it approaches the The Swaner Nature Preserve it also closes back near Hwy224. The Swaner Nature Preserve was set aside by the Swaner family to give habitat to the sandhill cranes, spotted frogs, and other creatures in this wetland location. The trail follows to the side of Hwy 224 up to RedStone shopping plaza where you can stop for a little shopping, pick up a shuttle car, or head back the way you came.