

Trail Use

- Please pick up after your dog
- During high water (April-July) and flash floods, some portions of the trail may not be passable
- Please pick up any litter
- Leave historical objects in place
- Use common sense
- Follow all traffic laws when on highways; walk on the left side, bike on the right side, watch out for traffic

Fun Loops

- Historic Loop: Post office-Hwy 488-Historic Hike-Hwy 487: 1.6 miles
- Wildlife Loop: Post office-Hwy 488-Jumpin-Jack Track-Pronghorn Promenade-Hwy 487: 3.1 miles
- Lizard Loop: 0.9 miles
- Full Loop: Post office-Hwy 487-along ditches-Hwy 488: 3.7 miles

Snake Valley Trails Partnership is working to get more trails!

For more information, visit:
<http://protectsnakevalley.org/trails>

Plants

Sagebrush is found all along the trail; eleven varieties grow in the area. Be sure to smell it! Rabbitbrush, budsage, willow, and a variety of forbs and grasses also grow along the trails. Wildflowers bloom from March through October, with the peak in May.



Sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*)



Budsage



Rabbitbrush in the fall

Animals

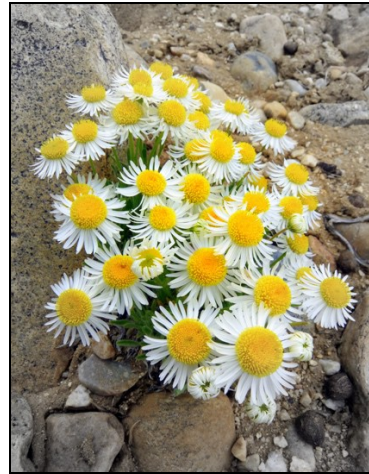
Sagebrush habitat supports animals such as sagebrush lizards, sagebrush sparrows, Brewers sparrows, sagebrush thrashers, and pronghorn. Look for tracks and listen for birds singing. Near the ditches, you may see or hear wrens, mallards, and snipe. Overhead you may observe soaring vultures, red-tailed hawks, and golden eagles.



Pronghorn



Sagebrush thrasher



Spreading fleabane growing from the rocky trail

Geology and Hydrology

You can find a variety of rocks along the Sagebrush Discovery Trail: sedimentary (limestone), metamorphic (marble and quartzite), and igneous (granite). These have washed down from the Snake Range along Baker and Lehman Creeks to the basin.

Streamflow is usually less than 5 cubic feet per second (cfs) for most of the year. However, from late April to July, the melting snow pack swells streams, and there may be more than 50 cfs coming down the creek. The ditches can't hold that much, so some water flows along old stream channels. During this time, parts of the trail may be flooded.

For more on area trails, visit:
<http://ProtectSnakeValley.org/Trails>

For more information about the area, visit
<http://DiscoverGreatBasin.com/>



Sagebrush Discovery Trail

Baker, Nevada



Welcome to the Sagebrush Discovery Trail! Most of the trail is an old two-track road on the west side of Baker, Nevada that follows some willow-lined irrigation ditches. Enjoy the beauty of the valley close to town!

The trail is rocky and uneven. We keep removing rocks to make it smoother (and welcome you to help out, too)!

The trail is suited to hiking, dog walking, trail running, mountain biking, and in the winter, cross-country skiing. It is open to motorized traffic, but in some places the trail has become single track due to obstructions.