General Description: Access to the Great Western Trail from Posey Lake

Campground.

Mileage: 1.2 miles

Difficulty: Foot: easy/moderate

Bike: moderate Horse:not permitted OHV: not permitted

Trailhead access: Graded dirt road

Elevation loss / gain: 450 feet

Water availability: Posey campground and nearby lakes and streams. Bring your

own water for day hikes. Filter or treat all water.

Hazards / obstacles: Mosquitoes can be prevalent in spring and early summer, wear

a long sleeve shirt and pants and use insect repellent. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year-round. Ridges, saddles, view points and open meadows

are dangerous during thunderstorms.

Topo maps: USGS 7.5 minute quads: Posy Lake

The Trailhead: From Escalante, turn north on the Hells Backbone Road. At 0.7 miles the road will fork, stay right. After 3.5 miles the road will turn to dirt and is now called Forest Road 153 (FR153). At 13.6 miles the road will fork, turn left on FR 154 and follow signs to Posey Lake Campground. The trail starts at the boat ramp in the campground.

The Trail: The trail follows the west shoreline of Posey Lake then climbs up to the Great Western Trail (GWT) through aspen, fir, and an old burned area.

