



Hiking Trail: Green Belt Trails

This series of trails makes use of public areas connected on the west side by the Coyote trail and on the east side by the Bobcat trail. These trails are well marked and friendly for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and x-country skiing. Alpine wildflowers, aspens and many varieties of grasses are abundant on all of the trails. Old structures from the ranching days are visible and deer, coyote, elk and the occasional bear are visitors around dawn and dusk.



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Deer Trail starts at the trailhead at the intersection of North Angel Fire Road, Valle Grande Trail North and Valle Grande Trail South and follows a series of cairns (rock piles) down the center of the meadow. It intersects an old logging road which is followed until a sign directs you into the woods. The woods trail is marked with red diamonds on trees. Passing through several meadows, the trail meets Via del Rey and connects to the Coyote trail.

Coyote Trail starts at the Via del Rey intersection with Valle Grande North. The trail is primarily in the woods with mostly gentle grade until leaving the woods. To continue on Coyote take a right turn till reaching the Coyote sign. At this point, you will cross a bridge and again enter the woods. Follow the cairns and red diamonds over moderate ups and downs until reaching several signs and another bridge. This trail connects all three of the east-west Greenbelt trails.

Elk & Bear Trails follow old grassy logging roads on the edge of wide meadows. The trailheads are visible along Mountain View Boulevard heading south from the Village center. Streams meander down alongside both trails and several ponds and dams are visible. Both are easy hikes and are the best place to see wildlife at dawn and dusk. The vistas of Angel Fire Ski Area are also beautiful.



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