West Lakeshore Trail

Elephant Butte Lake State Park
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Trail Description:
The trail winds through the desert hills above the lake, with panoramic views. The trail is typically 6’ wide with a gravel surface. There are some sections of uneven surfaces and deep sand. The unimproved trail, usually through sandy arroyos, is marked only with sign posts.
While this is considered an easy trail, there are several very steep, but short, sections.

What to Expect:
Look for jackrabbits and lizards, and the tracks of many different animals that often go unseen. There is a variety of shrubs and grasses along the way, with the seasonal addition of colorful wildflowers.

Precautions:
Use caution and be aware of the potential for dangerous flash floods in the arroyos - do not enter when flooded.
This is the desert - it can be hot and dry with little shade and no water.
Please be prepared with plenty of water.

Park Rules:

$ Vehicles must display a valid park permit, which can be purchased at a self-pay station or the visitor center

![Trash Can] Please pack out all trash

![Dog on Leash] Please keep dogs on a leash

NO motor vehicles on the trail

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DISTANCE
10.5 Miles, one way

ACTIVITIES
Hiking
Mountain Biking
Wildlife Viewing

AMENITIES
Restrooms
Bench
Picnic Tables

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4,460’ – 4,540’

DIFFICULTY
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