

## #9.3-9.4 Shepard Creek Trail - Lower Canyon Sections

**Length:** 0.6 mile

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Time:** 1 hour

**Elevation Gain:** 533 feet



**Description:** These trail sections provide access to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (#1.2), the Farmington Upper Terrace Trail (#20), a mountainside campsite on the Shepard Creek Trail (#9.2), and the Francis Peak Trail (#22).

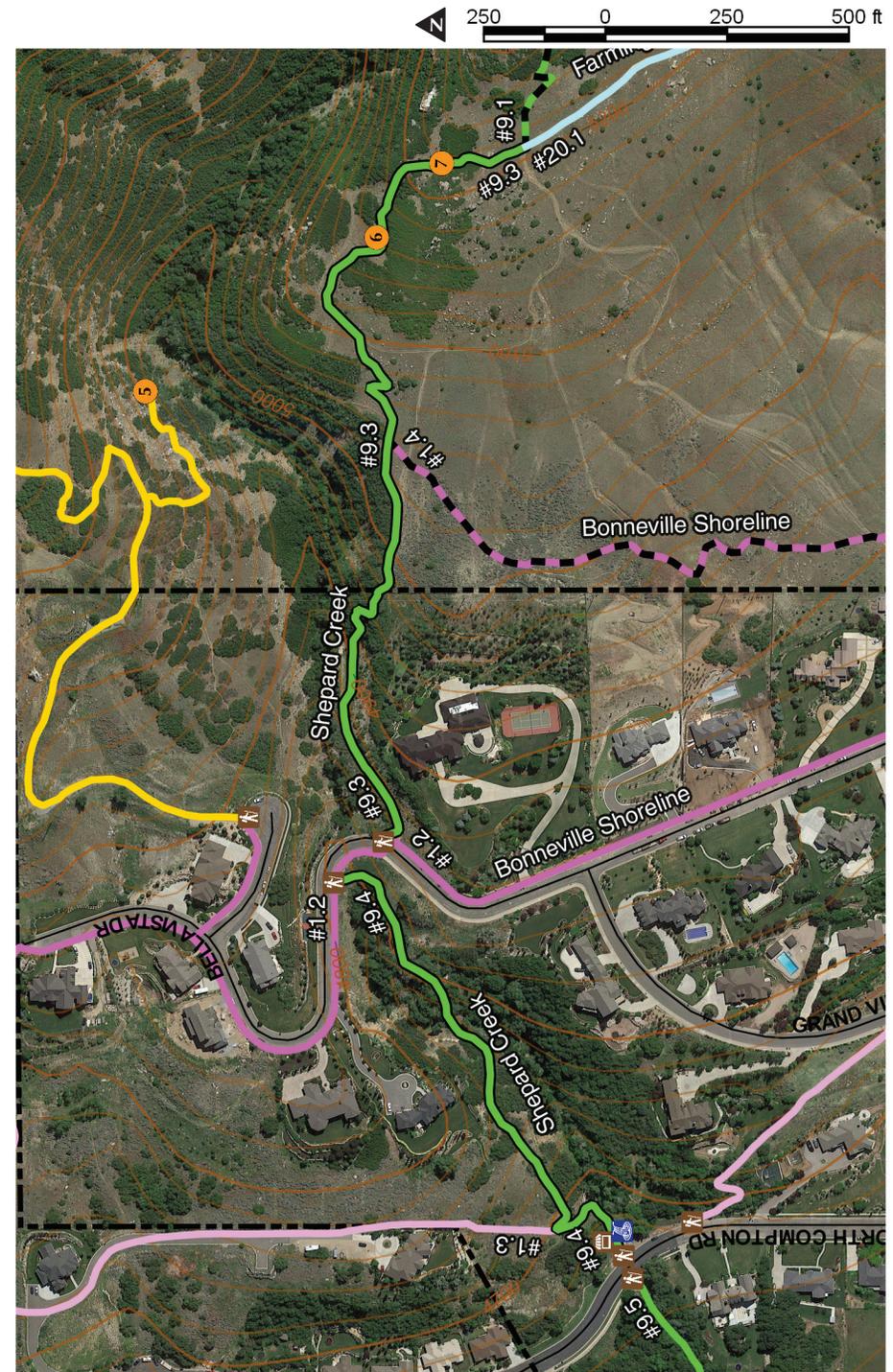
From the #9.3 Access described below, section #9.3 goes east up a dirt road about 300 feet. The trail then cuts to the right up the slope. Continue up the trail over railroad-tie steps, then head east beyond the chain-link fence and hike straight up the dirt road and trail on the left for 100 feet. This is halfway up the hillside. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail (#1.2) intersects here. Go up the hillside another 100 feet until the trail makes a switchback then reaches a jeep road. Go north (left) and follow this dirt road. After 100 feet, take the footpath up the side of a steep hill. Notice the rounded stones in the area (POI #6). These are beach cobbles from the ancient Lake Bonneville that were smoothed by wave action against the shoreline 15,000 years ago.

At the top of the hill is the trailhead for the Farmington Upper Terrace Trail (#20.1), which goes south on a wide shelf on the mountainside all the way to Farmington Canyon. Section #9.1 begins here by going east up and over a rock outcropping.

### Access Locations:

**#9.3 Access - Bella Vista Drive:** From Main Street, go east on 1400 N. to North Compton Road. Turn right then left onto Grand View Drive. Drive up the hill to Bella Vista Drive. Turn left. Drive 200 feet to Shepard Canyon. Park alongside the road. Section #9.3 is to the east through an opening in a chain-link fence. Section #9.4 is to the west down a footpath paralleling Shepard Creek.

**#9.4 Access - North Compton Road:** This access is suitable for horses. From Main Street, go east on 1400 N. to North Compton Road. Turn left and drive to a small waterfall on Shepard Creek. Section #9.5 is to the west down a footpath that parallels Shepard Creek through a forested draw in the Somerset Subdivision which was set aside as a conservation area. Section #9.4 is to the east up a hill past the waterfall. The trail makes a switchback for 100 feet until it heads east some distance above the creek. After a 10- to 20-minute hike, the trail will come out on Bella Vista Drive. Look up the canyon over your right shoulder to see the break in the chain-link fence where the trail continues as Section #9.3.



*In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous. -Aristotle*