

## #34 Triumph Trail

**Length:** 2.3 miles

**Difficulty:** Strenuous

**Time:** 4.5 hours

**Elevation Gain:** 2758 feet



**Description:** This is an exhilarating hike, but you do need to be in good shape to conquer the climb. Reaching the top of the Triumph Trail is a triumph in itself, since it goes up the side of the mountain over rocky and steep terrain. A half mile up the trail, there is a connection across a bridge to the Davis Creek Trail (#18.9). Instead of crossing the bridge, go north up the hill. You will find a bench where you can sit a minute and catch your breath. The next part of the trail continues east up the canyon and gives you a good view of Indian Annie Rock (POI #33). She is facing east just above the first waterfall. See Trail #18.7 on page 136 for her story. A short distance farther is a trail spur down to the creek where you will find “Indian Cave” (POI #34). White settlers have often used this small camping spot next to a little waterfall, but Native Americans most likely used it first.



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About a half mile up the trail, look for Chameleon Rock. It changes from a bull dog to a house cat as you pass it then to a sad-eyed koala bear as you leave it behind. About two-thirds of the way up the ridge, you will pass “Lightning Strike Tree” (POI #35), a tall pine tree sporting a long vertical stripe of pitch where a lightning bolt surged to the ground. The top of this trail is halfway up the mountain where the trail joins the Old North Trail (#32) at Midway Peak.

### Access Locations:

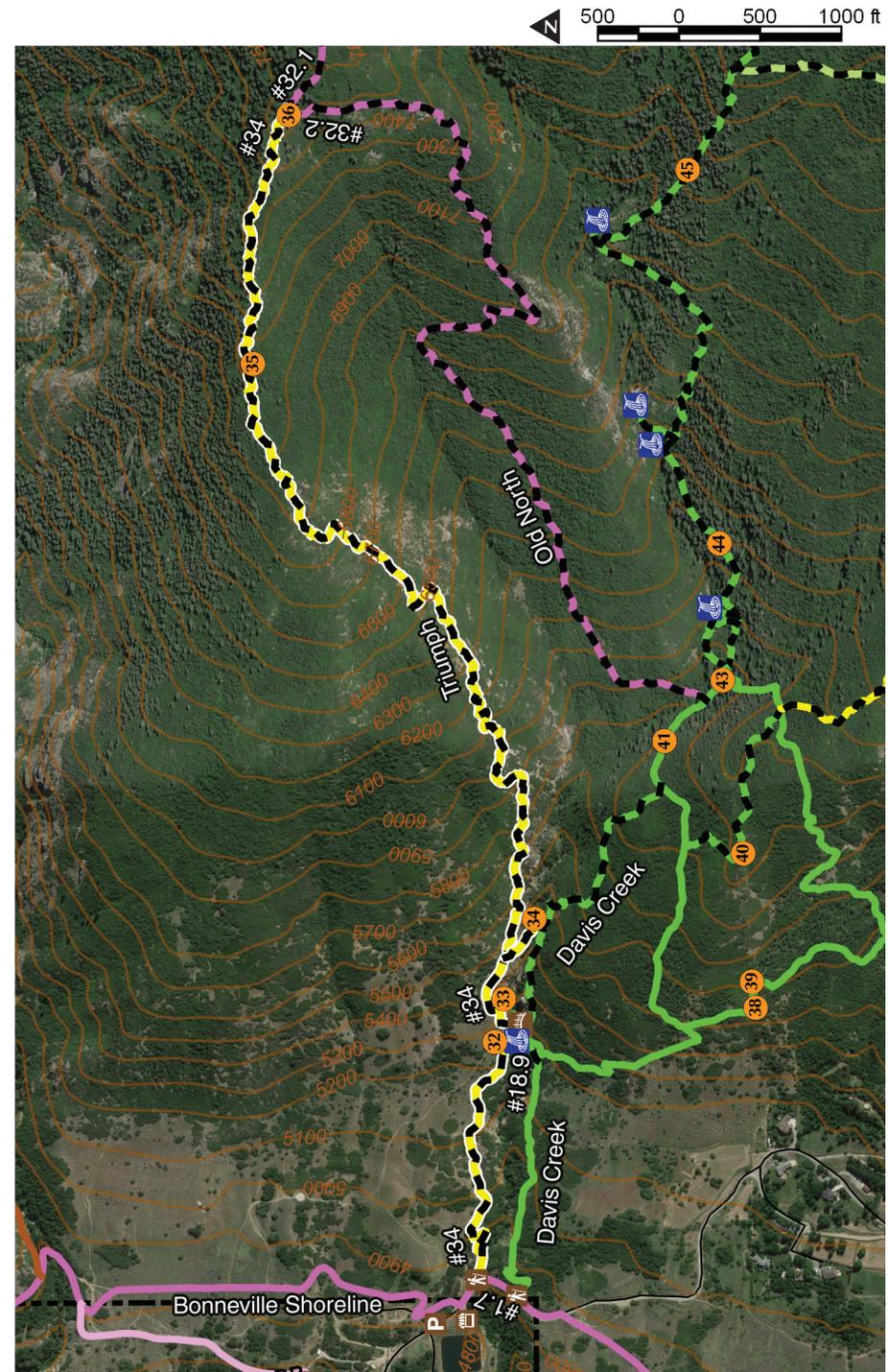
**Access #1 Trailhead with Parking - Reservoir:** The trailhead is on the north side of Davis Creek up Little Valley Road, reached by traveling east up 500 South off 200 East and bending south with the road. There is parking available by the reservoir just north of Davis Canyon. Park, then walk up the road. The trailhead is just before you would cross the creek.

**Access #2 - Midway Peak Junction:** Reach the top of the trail by going halfway up the Old North Trail (#32). The Triumph Trail connects at Midway Peak and goes down the mountain ridge.

### Features:

- Can you see the “face” of an Indian on “Indian Annie Rock” (POI #33)?
- The trail connects to Old North Trail (#32) for a different return route option.

**Trail Surface and Status:** This is a narrow wilderness trail. Look for the trail markers to stay on course.



*The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks. -Tennessee Williams*