

LA MARIA TRAIL

Moderate



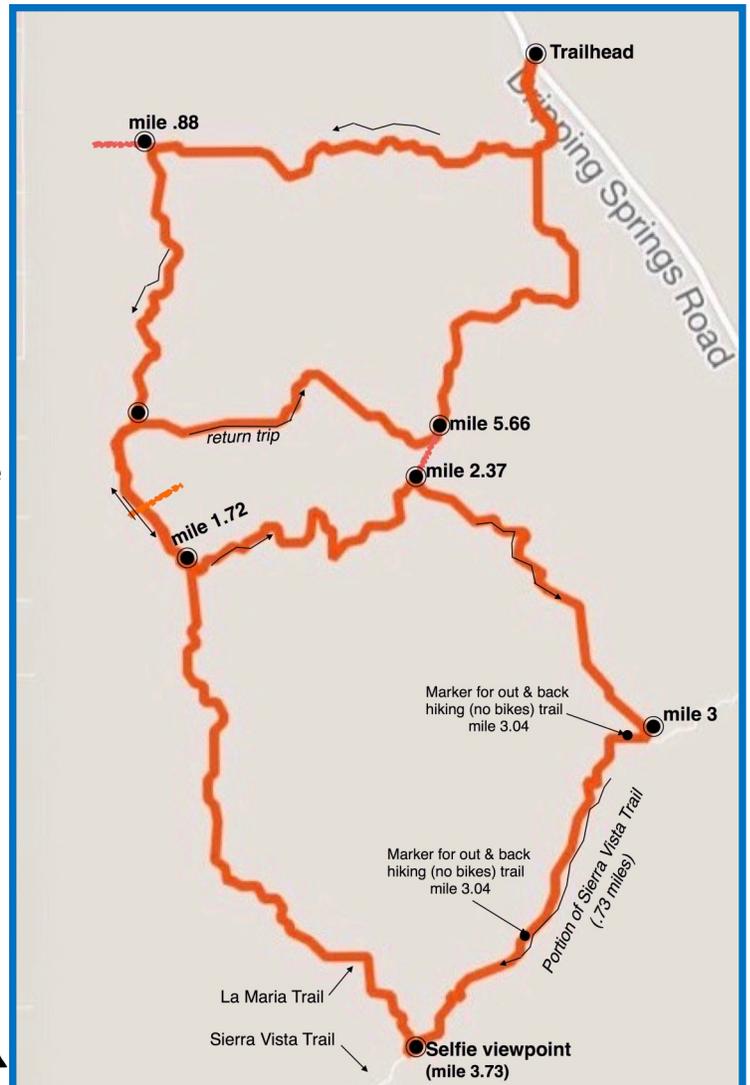
Challenge type: Hiking, Mtn. Biking or Running

Challenge length: 6.5 miles

Trail notes: This trail is appropriate for mountain biking, walking or trail running. The surface is good and the elevation gain is minimal. No fee. Dogs allowed.

Directions: The La Maria Trail is on the west side of the Organ Mountains, east of Las Cruces. From Exit 1 on Interstate 25, take University Avenue/Dripping Springs Road east for about 5.8 miles to the Organ Mountains Desert Peaks Monument sign and small paved parking area just off the right shoulder of the road. The trail starts a few yards up the road from the monument sign and is marked by rocks. There is no signage.

Hiking Directions: Begin the hike at the trailhead. In about 0.18 miles, the trail splits. Stay to the right. At about 0.88 miles, there is a spur trail heading right. Keep to the left on the main trail. At about mile 1.42 stay to the right to begin the 1/3 mile section of trail that connects the two loops of the double lasso. At approximately mile 1.72, the trail connects to the second lasso loop. Take the left-hand fork. At mile 2.37 a short trail to the left connects the two loop. Ignore it and stay to the right. At mile 3, you will see a marker for the Sierra Vista Trail. Turn right and follow the trail for approximately .73 miles. This is where you'll take your selfie! (Mile 3.73)



Look toward the mountain saddle in the distance and you'll see another marker for the Sierra Vista Trail about 40 yards down the trail. Take your picture where the La Maria Trail intersects with the Sierra Vista. To continue, stay to the right for another mile until you arrive again at the connecting trail. Retrace your steps to the first lasso loop and turn right. At mile 5.66, you'll see the short connecting spur to the southern loop. Keep left to complete the loop and return to the trailhead.

DON'T FORGET TO
take and post your selfie at the
Mile 3.73 marker
intersection of the
La Maria & Sierra Vista trails.

SIERRA VISTA TRAIL MARKER

