

Quigley Loop

Overview

If you are looking for a flat hike that offers some mileage, this is a solid option. The four-mile loop, bracketed by sage-covered hills, encircles Quigley Valley. Snow tends to melt quickly on the north side of the valley, so it is a good early/late season option. Quigley Pond sits at the halfway point of the hike, offering dogs a chance to play.

This is also a very popular mountain bike trail, so be aware of your surroundings, especially if you have dogs in tow.

The Numbers

4-mile loop

300 total elevation gain

Ascent Grade: 2.1% (Easy)

Water

The only water enroute is Quigley Pond, just around the 2-mile mark. The hike is exposed, so water is recommended.

Drive

From downtown Ketchum, it is an easy 13.8 drive all on paved roads. [Click here](#) for directions to the trailhead. There are about 15 parking spots, but they can get scarce by mid-morning during the summer.

There are no bathroom facilities at the trailhead.



Parking and Trailhead

Season

Mid-April through mid-November

Route

At the trailhead sign, turn right, taking the lower of the two paths. The trail gently rises as it parallels Quigley Road. Just after the .4-mile mark, come to the first of two quick signed junctions. Stay right at each.



Two signed junctions starting at .43 miles (Stay right at each)

The trail rolls along and at 1.9 miles come to Quigley Road. In early spring or when it is wet, it is likely that the rest of the loop is impassably muddy. In that case, either turn around and retrace your steps or complete the loop on Quigley Road.

If you do cross Quigley Road, you will quickly come to Quigley Pond. Walk along the edge of the pond and just after the 2-mile mark, come to a series of junctions. Stay right at the first junction, stay straight at the second junction and veer right at the third junction.



First junction at 2.06 miles (Stay right)



Second junction at 2.09 miles (Stay straight)



Third junction at 2.25 miles (Veer right)

Continue along the rolling path, the valley now on your right, until you come to a junction at 3.35 miles. Stay right.



Junction at 3.35 miles (Stay right)

Immediately after the intersection, cross the road and then cross the valley by taking the dirt path that hugs the edge of the Sage School property



Road and path across the valley

The path leads back to Quigley Road. Turn left and continue along the road until you return to the trailhead.