Goose Lake Off Road Vehicle Trail Carson National Forest – Red River, New Mexico

Distance from Casa del Gavilan to trail head:

46 miles – 60 minutes Trail length: 14 miles round trip Elevation change: 3,400 feet

Difficulty: Very rocky and narrow in areas

Points of interest: Rough but beautiful road passing mines and cabins

No passes or fees are required in Carson National Forest

This is a difficult road in areas, but worth it when you finally reach Goose Lake--a high alpine lake at timber line. The road passes ruined cabins and mines along the route.



Directions to the Trail Head:

Take Hwy 38 thru Bobcat Pass into Red River.

At Red River Stables, turn left (south) onto Highway 578

About ½ mile on the right is Goose Lake Road. This is the bottom of the jeep road up to Goose Lake.

Goose Lake Road, also known as Pioneer Road, is 7 miles long. While it's wide and quite smooth in some areas, it's rocky, steep and narrow in others. Meeting a vehicle coming from the other direction can prove challenging on the narrow, steep sections. A high clearance vehicle is essential as a number of very large rocks are in the center of the road. A hundred years of erosion have washed all the dirt off some areas leaving nothing but rock to drive over. This road is for serious, high-clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles only. Cars or cross-overs with "all time 4-wheel drive" are not recommended.

Off Road Vehicle rentals are available in Red River from the following:

Weezie's Wild Rides	575-754-1726	weezieswildrides.com	Rental rates are not available on website
Red River Mountain Adventures	575-586-5043	redriverohv.com	Rents side-by-sides as well as Jeeps
BigHorn Sports and Rentals	575-754-2721	bighornsports.us	
Enchanted Off-Road	575-252-3823	enchantedoffroad.com	

Rental rates are around \$250-\$400 for a half-day, or \$400+ for a full day. Rates typically include helmets and other required equipment.

If you'd love to visit Goose Lake but want to leave the driving to professionals, the following offer guided tours to Goose Lake:

Red River Offroad 575-754-6335 redriveroffroad.com \$75/adult \$49/age 4-12

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