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Guides



**Cloud-  
Climbing  
Trestle Trail**  
*New Mexico*



# Cloud-Climbing Trestle Trail

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Farther on is the Mexican Canyon Trestle, built in 1889 and on the National Register of Historic Places. At 323 feet long and the height of a six-story building, the wooden trestle is quite stunning. An overlook offers views of the trestle and surrounding Lincoln National Forest.

The trail is part of an 8-mile loop that includes another rail-trail, the [Switchback Trail](#).

Cloud-Climbing Trestle Trail, sometimes referred to as the Mexican Canyon Trestle Trail for the landmark feature at its end, offers a moderately challenging, but beautiful, climb through the Trestle Recreation Area in Cloudcroft. The mile-long trail begins at a replica railway depot and follows the former Alamogordo and Sacramento Mountain Railroad. Its first half-mile is paved; the remainder is a dirt pathway.

As it winds through crisp firs and pines, it offers breathtaking panoramic views of the White Sands dunes and distant San Andreas Mountains. Along the way, it passes the remains of the "S" trestle, which once contained two 30-degree curves. A sign displays a photograph of what the bridge once looked like.



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**States:** New Mexico

**Counties:** Otero

Length: 1miles

**Trail end points:** US 82 and NM 130 to Mexican  
Canyon Trestle

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt, Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Horseback Riding, Mountain  
Biking, Walking

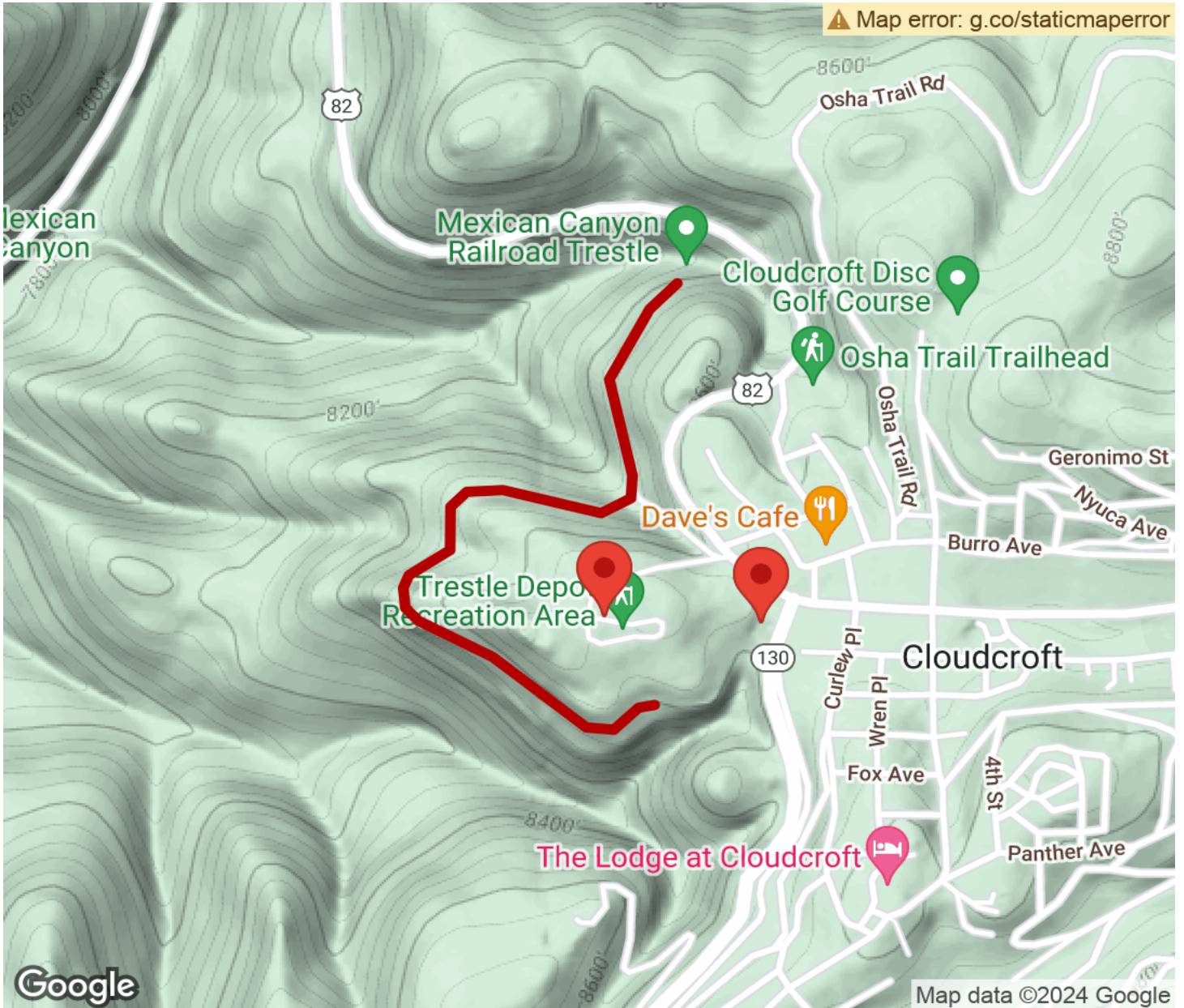
## Parking & Trail Access

A trailhead, parking, and restrooms are available at the junction of US 82 and NM 130 in Cloudcroft; follow signs for the railway depot.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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