

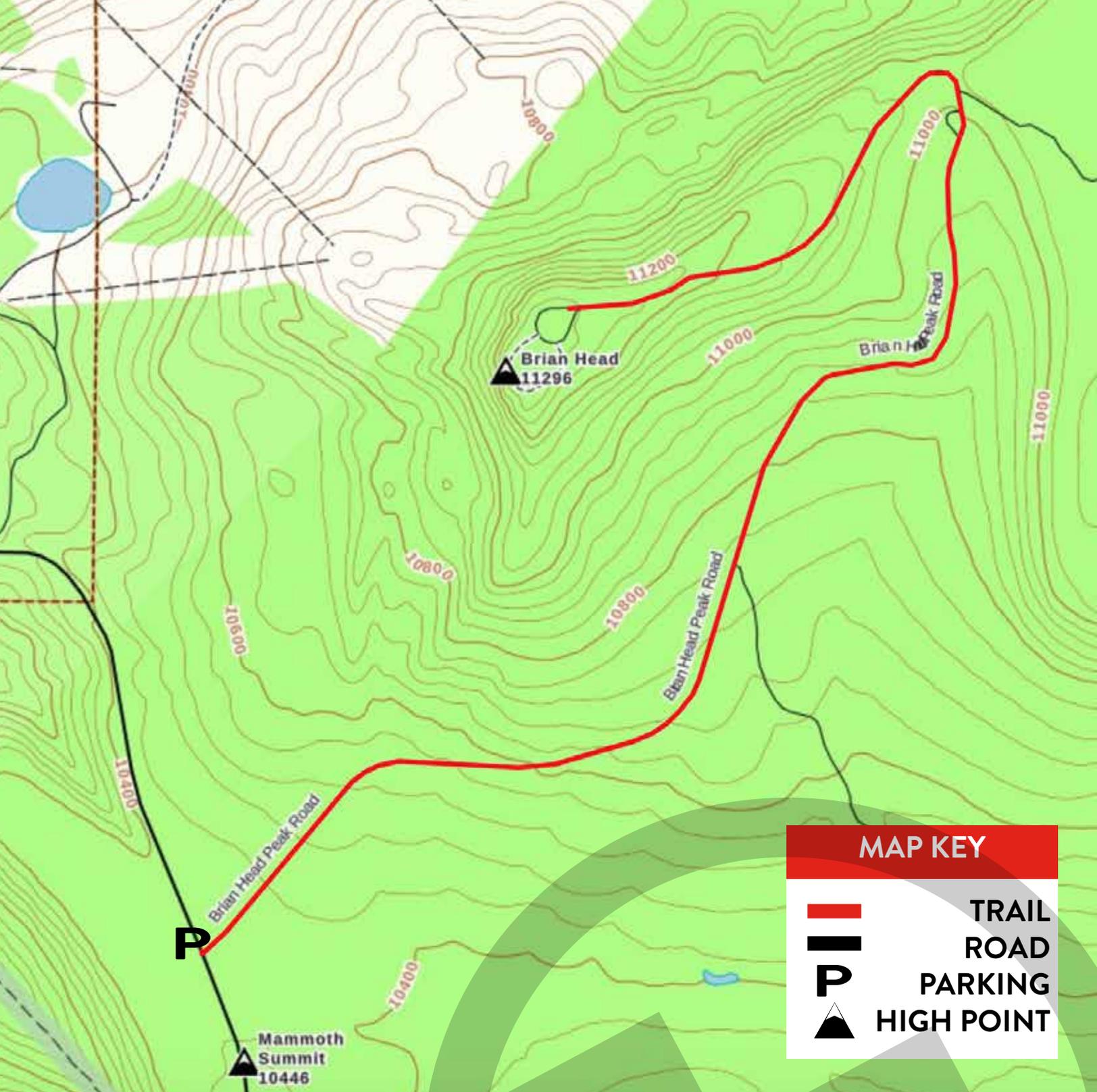
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# **Brian Head Peak**

Dixie National Forest





**Distance from SUU:**

35 miles

**Hiking Distance:**

6 mile (round trip)

**Average Hiking Time:**

4 to 6 hours

**Difficulty:**

Moderate to strenuous

**Equipment:**

Food, water, snowshoes, and sun protection

**Best Season:**

Winter, Spring

We hope you enjoy your hiking experience in southern Utah. For more information or equipment rentals please contact:

**Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 am to 6 pm

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### **Hazards:**

The trail up Brian Head Peak is not marked, and may be difficult to follow under snow. It runs along Vista Point Road, but hikers and skiers should use a map.

#KnowBeforeYouGo - There is avalanche danger in the area, know how to avoid terrain traps and read the snow for the possibility of a slide occurring. It's better to not go than be swept in an avalanche.

The elevation of Brian Head Peak is 11,307 feet. The top is exposed to wind and winter storms.

### **Getting there:**

Hikers should travel north on I-15 for 17 miles to Exit 75 toward Parowan, if coming from Cedar City.

Follow U.S. Highway 143 through Parowan and past Brian Head for 15 miles. The parking area is at the Vista Point Road or a few hundred yards further at the Rattlesnake Trailhead.

### **The Trail:**

The unmarked trail follows Vista Point Road, which wraps around the southeast side of Brian Head.

If the road is not visible under snow, hikers should head northeast from the parking area for about half a mile. Then, hikers will go another half-mile east, working their way gradually uphill.

The trail then turns north and starts up Brian Head. After almost a mile, the trail will make a quick turn back to the east for a quarter-mile, then head north again.

Hikers could turn west and hike a diagonal course up the steep grade at any point along the trail to reach the top, but the trail follows along a less strenuous route. Hikers following the trail will continue hiking north until they reach a high ridgeline.

The trail turns sharply to the southwest and follows the ridge back to Brian Head Peak.

The building on top is a Forest Service lookout built in 1935, according to the Forest Service website.

Hikers can follow the trail they took to reach the top back to the trailhead.

