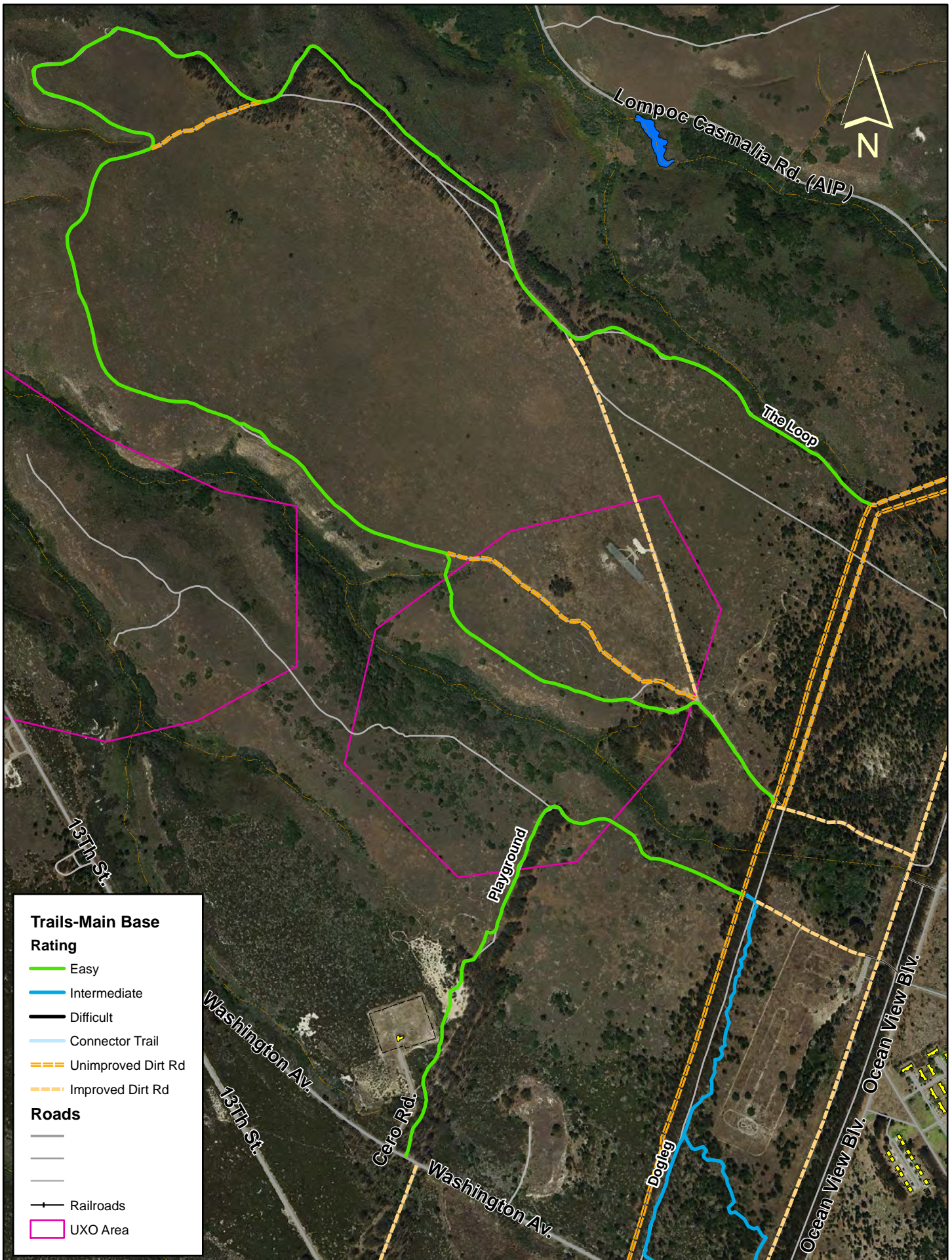


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The Loop is an older, well known trail near housing. It is decently easy to find, and easy to follow once you are on it. It has some elevation gain and loss around the loop, and multiple access points, making it a wonderfully versatile trail. Pay attention though- you WILL be traveling through land with known Unexploded Ordnances (UXO, or undetonated bombs), so please stay on the trail. The "Danger- Authorized Personnel Only" signs you will pass are a reminder of the dangers of traveling off-trail, but you are able to continue on-trail.



- Distance: 3.7 miles if you start and end at the Remote Control Airfield parking lot (shown as the small white blob in the middle of the map, by the long grey rectangle).
 - There are multiple "shortcuts" to shorten this trail however, and extenders to make your run/ride/walk longer.
- Elevation: 180 ft
 - Total Elevation: 246 feet
- Directions to parking lot: Take California Blvd from the Santa Maria Gate. Turn Right onto Washington Avenue at the stop sign. At the first 4-way intersection, continue through the intersection and take the gravel road on the Right that parallels Ocean View Blvd (or you could take Ocean View Blvd., and turn Left across the street from Colorado Ave, and turn Right onto the gravel road). Continue past a parking lot on the left, (which is at the very end of Colorado Ave). Take the first Left fork down the hill when the road divides. At the 4-way, continue Straight (which is slightly to the Right). Follow this until you reach the RC Airfield parking lot on the Left.
- Trail Tips: At points, this is a wide, flat, sandy off-road-vehicle trail. At other points, the trail suddenly constricts into a single path. Keep your eyes and ears open for wildlife and for fellow mountain bikers. There are a few obvious shortcuts along the trail- feel free to explore these. There are also game trails and runoff trails which will dead-end or obviously not be well-maintained which you should avoid.
- Alternate Paths along the trail. You can also reach this loop by continuing North on the wide and semi-maintained dirt road (shown on the map between the two green "prongs" of the Loop trail) until you come to the first Left. This trail narrows into a single track, and has many ditches and uneven spots due to runoff. It will eventually bring you to a wide, sandy section of the Loop. Continue in either direction.
 - Short-cuts: See map: There is a section near the top of the loop that cuts off the "head" of this trail- it will be a double-wide sandy and slightly unkempt trail. The main trail continues around a bend. Another short-cut is at the South/Southwest end of the circuit- the most obvious trail forward is pretty overgrown, but goes to the improved road, while the off-shoot trail is better maintained.

Please request maps from ODR for more information on Dogleg and Playground. They can be found on either "Trails Around Housing" or "Trails Near Ocean View/13th/Washington."

Please keep in mind: Always stay on trail/road due to UXOs, restricted access areas, wildlife, and fragile biomes. Please keep your dogs on leash for these reasons as well. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife, especially predators- bobcats and coyotes are very common; mountain lions are more elusive but have been spotted. Never approach or attempt to interact with any wildlife, especially if it approaches you. Please follow all posted signs. Practice all 7 principles of Leave No Trace.