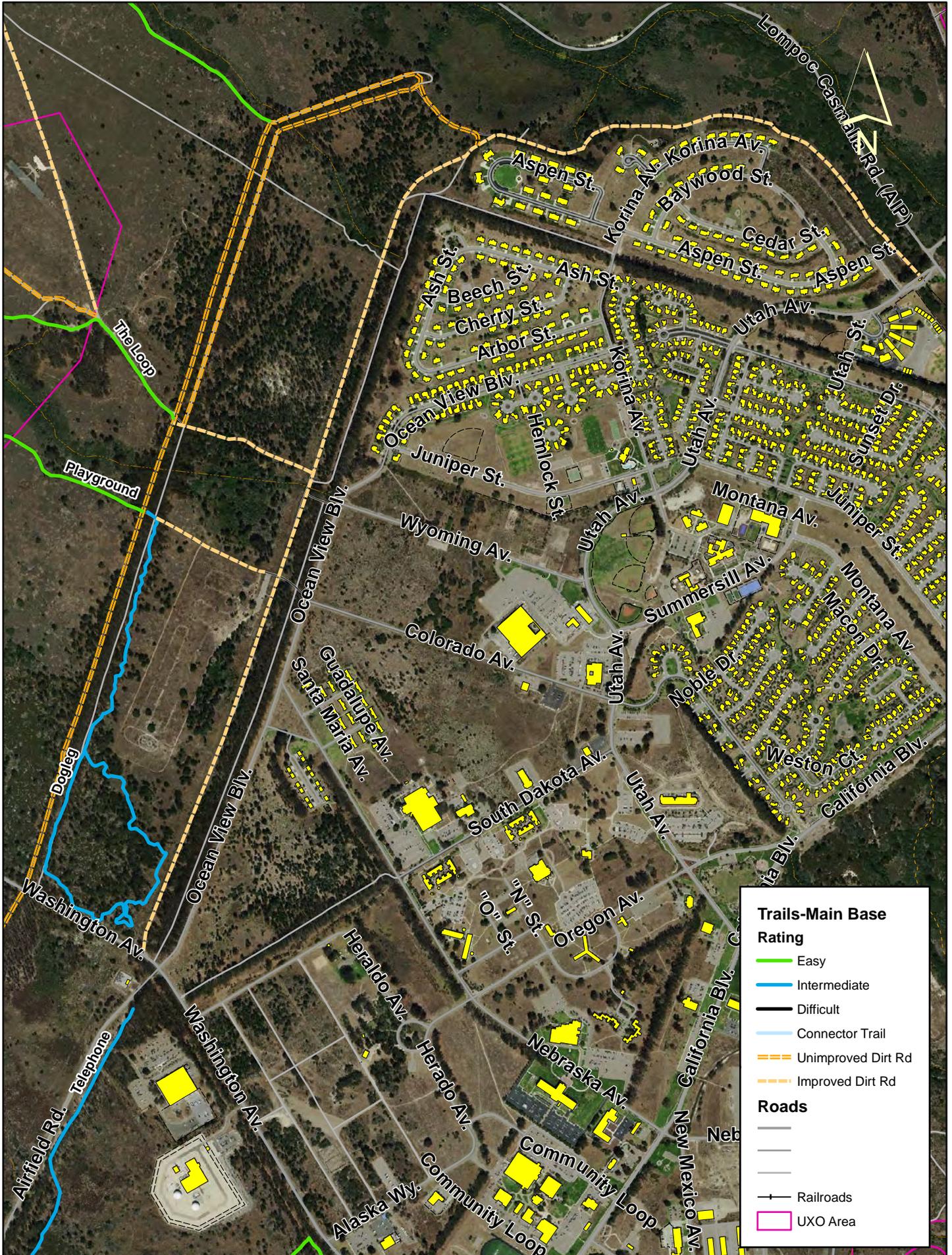


# Trails Around Housing



Trails-Main Base	
<b>Rating</b>	
<span style="color: green;">—</span>	Easy
<span style="color: blue;">—</span>	Intermediate
<span style="color: black;">—</span>	Difficult
<span style="color: lightblue;">—</span>	Connector Trail
<span style="color: orange; border-top: 1px dashed orange;">—</span>	Unimproved Dirt Rd
<span style="color: orange;">—</span>	Improved Dirt Rd
<b>Roads</b>	
<span style="color: grey;">—</span>	Railroads
<span style="border: 1px solid pink;"> </span>	UXO Area

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**Playground:** This easy-to-follow trail takes you through woods and undergrowth of the valley. It is 1.2 miles, or 2.4 mi. out and back, or a 2.5 loop continuing up the Washington Ave. Hill towards Airfield/Ocean View and back to the parking lot. Called the playground for its open sand pit (~0.9 mi from parking lot) with trails, jumps, hills, and opportunities to play with gravity as you navigate your bike. There is also hidden gem helicopter crash to discover. Pay attention though- you WILL be traveling through land with known Unexploded Ordnances (UXO, or undetonated bombs), so please stay on the trail other than the Sand Pit. 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.



- Directions: Take California Blvd from the Santa Maria Gate. Turn Right onto Washington Avenue at the stop sign. At the first 4-way intersection, turn Right onto Ocean View Blvd., then turn Left across the street from Colorado Ave. Continue straight across a gravel road, and the parking lot is on your Left. The trail starts on the Northwest side of the parking lot, as if continuing Colorado Ave., and continues straight into the woods, past a large sign before bending to the Left back to Washington. The sandy trail through the field on the Left by the initial parking lot is just a no-name 1 mile loop, and is not connected to this trail system. Elevation: 49 ft. total elevation

**Dogleg:** This network of single-track trails peacefully winds through fields, Oak groves, Eucalyptus trees and coniferous trees. Hard to follow, with many off-shoots that ultimately always get you where you need to go, it is best navigated with a friend until we set up some trail markers. Connects to many other roads and trail systems.

- Directions: Same as directions to the Playground parking lot. Trail starts where the Playground trail starts, but then branches to the Left along the single track dirt trail as soon as you enter the woods.
- Elevation: Relatively flat, and hard to track since there are so many intersecting trails. A few jumps. Here is a sideways (North points to the Right) screen shot of most of the intersecting trails. Missing: 1-mile sandy loop that starts and ends in the parking lot (in the empty green area East of the map), and a few off-shoot marsh trails that dead end.



**The Loop:** 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. It also goes through UXO lands, so please be cautious. Ask for The Loop map from ODR for more information.

- Distance: 3.7 miles if you start and end at the Remote Control Airfield parking lot.
- Elevation: 180 ft. Total Elevation: 246'
- Directions to parking lot: From the Playground Trail parking lot (see above), 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.

**Improved/Unimproved Dirt Roads:** Explore with caution, following all posted warnings, and never venture off-trail (on any trail or road on base). You will discover many hidden gems on base, and a very wide degree of road maintenance, often with little or no cell service. Keep your eyes (and cameras) scanning for big cats!

**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.