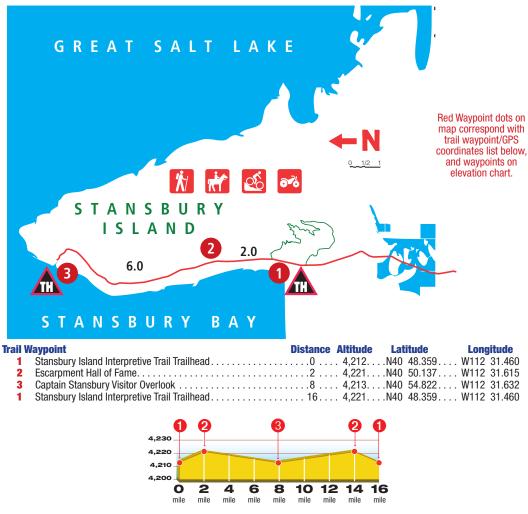
STANSBURY ISLAND TRAIL

Type: Out and back trail on two-lane, gravel road. Hike, Horseback, Mountain Bike, ATV/OHV. Distance: 16 miles. Elevation gain: 88 feet. Rating: Easy. Trail time: up to 2 hours (on mountain bike). Signage: Yes. Season: Year-round. Water: Bring your own. Water available at Lake Point, Stansbury Park, and Grantsville. Services: Groceries, fuel and general services available in Lake Point, Stansbury Park and Grantsville. USGS 7.5 topo maps: Corral Canyon. How to get there: From Lake Point, proceed west on Interstate 80 for 14.4 miles to Exit 84 for Grantsville via SR-138. Take exit, which terminates at intersection with Solar Road. Stansbury Island is visible to the north. Turn left onto Solar Road and proceed west. Go through intersection of Solar Road and SR-138. Continue west and pass over railroad tracks. Solar Road next veers right and proceeds north. Go over second set of railroad tracks. At 4 miles after Exit 84, Solar Road splits. Stay left and continue for another 1.9 miles to a 4-way intersection. Proceed straight. At 6.4 miles will pass quarry on the right. At 7 miles will come to a sign that says, "Stansbury Island Interpretive Trail." This is the trailhead. General parking and trailer parking is available immediately at right. Also at right is an access road to a visible BLM parking area and trailhead that services a mountain biking trail.



Trail Description: More peninsula than an island, Stansbury Island is part of the massive southern shoreline of the Great Salt Lake. It is named after Capt. Howard Stansbury, who in 1849 came to Utah to survey and map the Great Salt Lake, Salt Lake Valley and Utah Valley. Born in New York in 1806, he was a trained civil engineer, and came to Utah with the Army Corps of Topographical Engineers. The Stansbury Island Interpretive Trail runs entirely on the island's west side and provides a front row seat to the powers of ancient Lake Bonneville. The lake, which dominated Utah's landscape for thousands of years with deep water, left unmistakable wave marks and escarpments on the island's rugged slopes. The trail begins seven miles north of Interstate 80 on Solar Road at a metal sign that says, "Stansbury Island Interpretive Trail" (Waypoint #1). Next to metal sign is a short access road that leads east to a visible BLM parking area and trailhead for a mountain biking trail (alternative route). Proceed north on smooth, tightly packed gravel road. At 0.4 of a mile is a cattle guard with a large sign that warns trail users to stay on the road, and that the road passes through private property. Just stay on the road at all times to avoid trespassing. At 2 miles from trail start, a broad slope appears at right (Waypoint #2) that shows a "Hall of Fame" of ancient Lake Bonneville's numerous shorelines. To the left is Stansbury Bay with U.S. MagCorp's Rowley plant on the other side. Continue for another six miles to the trail's end (Waypoint #3), which features an interpretive kiosk called "Capt. Stansbury Visitor Overlook." There also is a restroom and parking area. To the northeast of the kiosk is another interpretive kiosk and a 16-acre walk park with carsonite trail markers and interpretive signs that explain the Great Salt Lake's fascinating geographical history along the way.