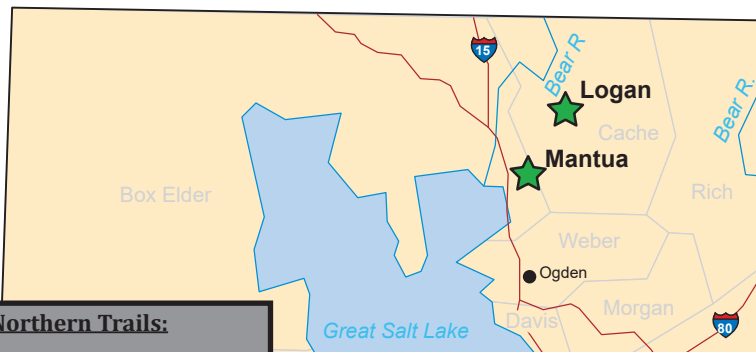


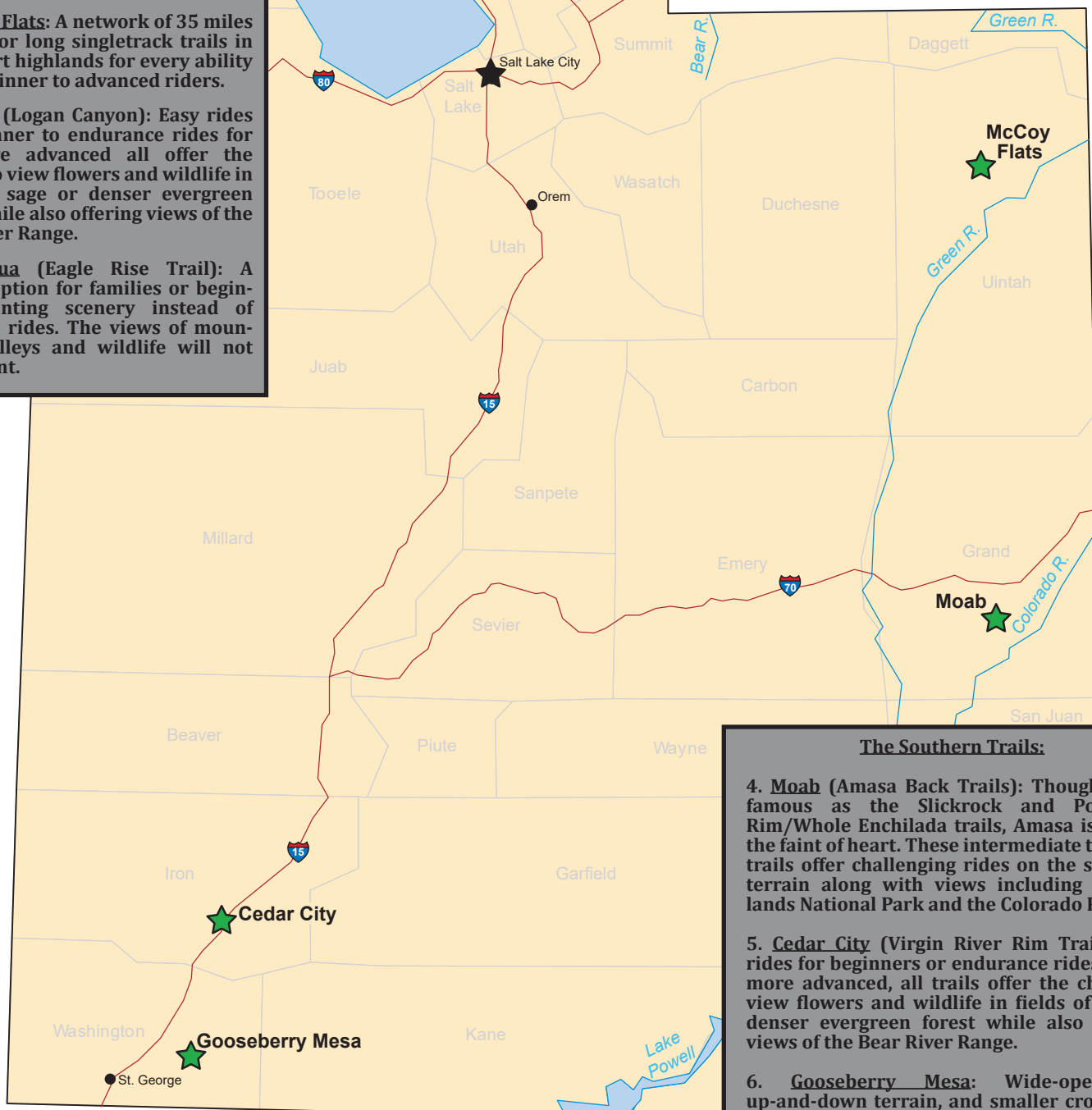
Beyond Utah's Most Popular Mountain Bike Trails

Utah is well known for its recreational activities, especially mountain biking. For many, this means going for rides on the Slickrock, Porcupine Rim/Whole Enchilada and the Wheeler Creek to Coldwater Overlook trails. These are all great trails, but not to be forgotten are two trios of riding opportunities in Northern and Southern Utah. (Data Sources: Esri Data Bank; Main Utah map projection: Transverse Mercator, Central Meridian: -111.000; Inset map projection: USA Contiguous Albers Equal Area Conic, Central Meridian: -96.000; Trail information sources: www.visitutah.com/things-to-do/mountain-biking/top-mtb-trails). Michael Hasinoff. February 11, 2019. Geography 370.



The Northern Trails:

1. **McCoy Flats:** A network of 35 miles of short or long singletrack trails in the desert highlands for every ability from beginner to advanced riders.
2. **Logan (Logan Canyon):** Easy rides for beginner to endurance rides for the more advanced all offer the chance to view flowers and wildlife in fields of sage or denser evergreen forest while also offering views of the Bear River Range.
3. **Mantua (Eagle Rise Trail):** A perfect option for families or beginners wanting scenery instead of technical rides. The views of mountains, valleys and wildlife will not disappoint.



The Southern Trails:

4. **Moab (Amasa Back Trails):** Though not as famous as the Slickrock and Porcupine Rim/Whole Enchilada trails, Amasa is not for the faint of heart. These intermediate to expert trails offer challenging rides on the slickrock terrain along with views including Canyonlands National Park and the Colorado River.
5. **Cedar City (Virgin River Rim Trail):** Easy rides for beginners or endurance rides for the more advanced, all trails offer the chance to view flowers and wildlife in fields of sage or denser evergreen forest while also offering views of the Bear River Range.
6. **Gooseberry Mesa:** Wide-open and up-and-down terrain, and smaller crowds are just a few of the pluses of Gooseberry Mesa. Ride the slick rock and keep your eyes open for deer, lizards, cacti, dinosaur footprints and petrified wood.

