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Links to Rental Properties

Breckenridge

Breckenridge Vacation Rental house

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Montrose

Montrose Vacation Rental house

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Silverton

RICHEY'S RETREAT

OK for sleep arrangements - \$1500 + tax and cleaning (\$358/each)

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Wingate House

OK for sleep arrangements - \$2000 + tax and cleaning (\$458/each)

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THE SCHMALZ HOUSE

San Juan Retreat

OK for sleep arrangements - \$1300 + tax and cleaning (\$318/each)

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QUITO RETREAT

OK for sleep arrangements/must use pull out couch - \$3000 + tax and cleaning (\$658/each)

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OK for sleep arrangements - must use pull out couch - \$1700 + tax and cleaning (\$398/each)

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Custom Artisan Home, Close to Ski Area, Walk to Town Silverton, Colorado Vacation Rental by Owner Listing 147772

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Not enough sleeping room.

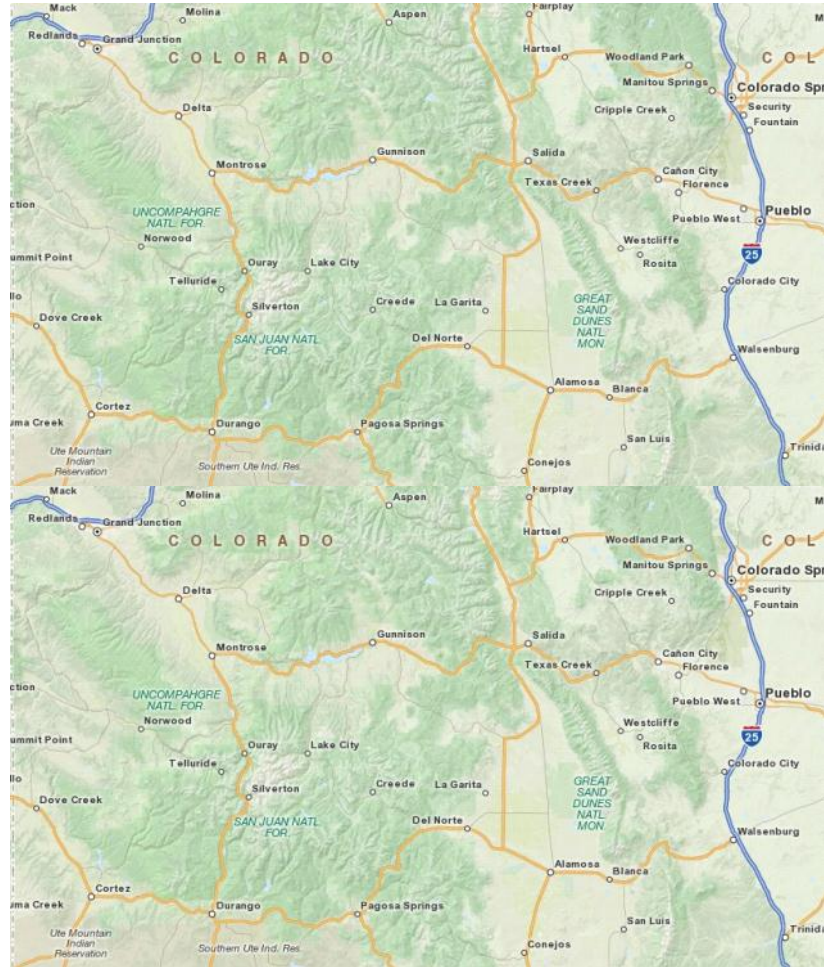
Mountain Cabin the Addie S Cabin - Red Mountain Pass \$110/nt/2 Silverton, Colorado Vacation Rental by Owner Listing 195787

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Photos and Description of the Silverton vacation cabin rental 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, sleeps 6 privately

This is the 4WD accessible cabin. 2 double beds and a pull out. I'll bring a



sleeping bag for the pullout if everyone else is ok with buddying up. - \$2150 + tax and cleaning (\$488/each)

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★ **My Choice: Silverton vacation house rental**
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, steam showers
sauna sleeps 6-8 custom gourmet kitchen.

This one has the best sleeping etc accommodations. Its one of the most expensive at \$3000 + tax and cleaning (\$ 290) but with 5 guys (\$658 each) the extra expense is probably worth it for the comfort. And a gourmet kitchen for that certain someone to make us gourmet meals.

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Ouray

La Ventana - Windows with Unforgettable Views - Ouray

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Private Mountain Retreat in a Spectacular Setting, Guest House also available - Ouray

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Exquisite 3 BR - Mountain View Home - Ouray

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Luxury and great location - Ouray townhouse

This is the only Ouray location with enough sleeping room.

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Creede

Spacious Cabin with Mountain Views - Creede

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Photos and Description of the Creede vacation villa rental 4 & 1/2 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, sleeps 11 - on 17 private acres surrounded by Rio Grande National Forest

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Lake City

Why Just Rent a Room When You Can Have a Ranch?

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Lake City Vacation Rental cabin
Cozy Cabin In the Woods With Alpine Loop Access!

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Durango

? **Durango Vacation Rental chalet**
Mountain Chalet on Private Acreage 5 Min to Downtown-Fireplace - 3 double beds !?!

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? **Romantic Cabin on Private Acreage Five Minutes from Downtown - Durango - 1 King, 1 futon, 1 sofa bed !?!**

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? **Durango Vacation Rental cabin**
Lake of the Pines - \$2975/ wk - sleeps 11 !?!

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Durango Vacation Rental cabin
Double J Cabin

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Durango Vacation Rental cabin
RIVERSIDE CABIN / Forest / Fishing / Relaxation

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★ **Durango Vacation Rental house**
Luxury Home on 4 Acres - 3 Miles to Ski - Amazing Views - 7th Night Free - \$2550 - A little more expensive but beautiful home.

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★ **Durango Vacation Rental house --This one looks like a great place! -**

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Secluded Mountain Meadow Home - Vallecito Lake, Durango \$1750

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★ **Durango Vacation Rental cabin**
Secluded Mountain Cabin with Luxury! A Hot Tub and Sauna! - \$1393

Pasted from <<http://www.homeaway.com/vacation-rental/p280319>>

★ **Durango Vacation Rental house**
Relax & Enjoy! Magnificent Florida River & Mountain Views at this Stunning Cabin

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National Forest Cabins

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SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST - DURANGO, CO

970.247.4874 voice - 970.385.1257 TDD



Applegate Cabin

Nightly Cost - \$60

Two-high bunks sleep 8, inside composting toilet, food preparation area includes pots, pans and a propane stove. THERE IS NO WATER. ADA-compliant hut and ramp.

Run by concessionaire.

[Reservations](#) / [More Information](#) - 970.264.2268



Aspen Guard Station

Artist-in-Residence Program

Applications accepted from Jan. 1 to March 1.

Call **970.882.7296** for more information.



Asplin Hut

Nightly Cost - \$60

Modern Solar Hut is equipped with direct current lights, two-high bunks sleep 8, inside composting toilet, food preparation area includes pots, pans and a propane stove. THERE IS NO WATER. ADA-compliant hut and ramp.

Run by concessionaire.

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Circle T Cabin

Nightly Cost - \$60

Bed for 1 and bunk for 2, plus sleeping loft for 5, outside toilet, propane furnace and light, food preparation area includes pots, pans and a propane stove. THERE IS NO WATER. ADA-compliant hut & ramp. Run by concessionaire.

[Reservations](#) / [More Information](#) - 970.264.2268



Jersey Jim Fire Lookout Tower

Nightly Cost - \$40

The one-room tower cab includes the original furniture, propane heating and lighting. However, there is no electricity or running water. THERE IS NO WATER. A sink, propane refrigerator, and oven/stove are in the kitchen area. The dining table seats four, and there's a double bed and dresser. With windows all round, views are 360 degrees!

[Reservations](#) / [More information](#) - 970.533.7060



Silver Falls Guard Station

Nightly Cost - call 800-320-2646

2 twin beds, gas stove, some dishes, THERE IS NO WATER.

Run by concessionaire.

For reservations and more information call **800.320.2646**

UNCOMPAHGRE NATIONAL FOREST - DELTA, CO

970.874.6600 voice

Aspen Leaf Cabin

Nightly Cost - \$60

Available from June 15 through first weekend in October (weekends or weekdays)

Elevation: 9,000 ft

Sleeps 6 adults; one bathroom/shower, one bedroom with three twin size beds, one queen sofa sleeper in the living room (air mattress or cots can be brought in to accommodate 6 adults); non-electric cabin, with propane stoves/refrigerators. You must bring battery or propane lanterns (kerosene lanterns are not allowed). Basic cooking and eating utensils, plates, knives, forks, spoons, cups, and basic pots and pans are furnished. Cleaning supplies provided.

[Reservations](#) / [More Information](#) - 970.242.8211

Oak Cabin

Nightly Cost - \$40

Available from June 15 through first weekend in October (weekends or weekdays)

Elevation: 9,000 ft

Sleeps 8 adults; one bedroom with two twin size beds, one queen sofa sleeper in the living room and one bathroom/shower; non-electric cabin, with propane stoves/refrigerators. You must bring battery or propane lanterns (kerosene lanterns are not allowed). Basic cooking and eating utensils, plates, knives, forks, spoons, cups, and basic pots and pans are furnished.

[Reservations](#) / [More Information](#) - 970.242.8211

Ponderosa Cabin

Nightly Cost - \$120

Available from June 15 through first weekend in October (weekends and 3-day holidays only)

Elevation: 9,000 ft

Sleeps 8 adults, one bathroom/shower, three bedrooms (five twin size beds total), one queen sofa sleeper in living room, fireplace.

[Reservations / More Information](#) - **970.242.8211**

Silesca Ranger Station

Nightly Cost - \$120

Available from July 31 through November

Elevation: 9,200 ft





Sleeps 6 adults; three bedrooms (six twin size beds total), one bathroom/shower, electricity (stove, refrigerator, lights), running water (non-potable), wood burning stove, and a fire ring.


[Reservations / More Information](#) - **970.240.5300**

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Denver, CO (DEN) Departing on Sat, Aug 06, 2011				
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Durango, CO (DRO) >>>				
Denver, CO (DEN) Departing on Sat, Aug 13, 2011				
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 United 6077 Operated by: United Express/expressjet Airlines Status: Confirmed	DRO 01:02 PM	DEN 02:08 PM	Economy (V)	03C
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Washington, DC (IAD) Departing on Sat, Aug 13, 2011				
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Washington, DC (IAD) >>>				

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Flight	Depart	Arrive	Cabin	Seats
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Flight	1. Depart	Arrive	Seating options Opt for the comfort of an upgraded seat. Add Economy Plus® seating Add Premium Seating
United 0271	BWI 10:23 AM 8/6/2011	DEN 12:17 PM	
United 6396 Operated by: United Express/Skywest Airlines	DEN 03:43 PM 8/6/2011	DRO 04:46 PM	
United 6077 Operated by: United Express/Expressjet Airlines	DRO 01:02 PM 8/13/2011	DEN 02:08 PM	
United 0768	DEN 04:58 PM 8/13/2011	BWI 10:29 PM	

Murray

Sat, Aug 6, 2011

Depart: 08:02 am

1. Arrive: 10:35 am Boston, MA (BOS)
 Denver, CO (DEN) Continental Airlines, Flight 6470
 Operated by
 UNITED AIRLINES


Depart: 02:28 pm

Arrive: 03:30 pm Denver, CO (DEN)

Durango, CO (DRO) Continental Airlines, Flight 7787

Arrive: 03:30 pm Denver, CO (DEN)
 Durango, CO (DRO) Continental Airlines, Flight 7787
 Operated by
 UNITED EXPRESS/SKYWEST AIRLINES

Sat, Aug 13, 2011 Durango La Plata Airport, (DRO) to Boston Logan International Airport, (BOS)

Depart: 12:15 PM	Durango, CO (DRO)	 US Airways
Arrive: 12:33 PM	Phoenix, AZ (PHX)	Flight 2895 operated by
		US AIRWAYS EXPRESS-MESA AIRLINES (on Canadair Regional Jet)
	Requested Seats: 3D 1 Stop - change planes Phoenix, AZ (PHX) Connection Time: 2 hrs 47 mins	

Depart: 03:20 PM	Phoenix, AZ (PHX)	 US Airways
Arrive: 11:10 PM	Boston, MA (BOSH)	Flight 224 (on Airbus A319)

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FLIGHT INFORMATION						
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Sat, 06AUG11	UA3476 ¹	Y	DALLAS/DFW (DFW) 11:45AM	DENVER CO (DEN) 12:49PM		
Sat, 06AUG11	UA6407 ²	Y	DENVER CO (DEN) 2:28PM	DURANGO COLO (DRO) 3:30PM		
Sat, 13AUG11	UA6077 ³	Y	DURANGO COLO (DRO) 1:02PM	DENVER CO (DEN) 2:08PM		
Sat, 13AUG11	UA793 ⁴	Y	DENVER CO (DEN) 2:59PM	LOS ANGELES (LAX) 4:22PM		

San Juan Mountains Trail Information

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Assorted Links

[Summit Post](#) A site dedicated to the mountains and climbers.

SOUTHWEST ACCESS

The city of Durango best serves as a launch point for the La Plata, Needle, Grenadier and Silverton sub-ranges. US 160 and 550 are the serving highways, with countless county roads to choose from. The popular Narrow Gauge Silverton Railroad [Durango-Silverton Train Schedule](#) provides unique access to the heart of the range via stops at Elk Park and Needleton Bridge. The railroad can be accessed in Durango or Silverton. Be sure to check the following link for details on the train and securing passage.

Pasted from <<http://www.summitpost.org/area/range/171122/san-juan-range.html>>

Interactive Google Map of Uncompahgre Wilderness Peaks (scroll down when you get there)

Pasted from <<http://www.summitpost.org/area/range/558911/uncompahgre-wilderness.html>>

The National Forest Sites

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
Manages the north end of the San Juan mountains

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Rio Grande National Forest
Manages the east end of the San Juan mountains

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San Juan National Forest
Manages the south end of the San Juan mountains

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Trail List - Add / Modify

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Trail <small> ☺ = Print Copy ☒ = Not Recommended 7/20/2011 Trail Descriptions </small>	Guide Book	Hiker	Distance [mi]/ Time [hrs]	Start Elevation [']	Peak Elevation [']	Elevation Gain [']	Difficulty	Jeep Necessary	Crowd Level	Nearest Town/mi	Notes Durango to Silverton = 47.9 mi
Summit Hikes											
Mt Sneffels ☺	Best Summit Hikes in Co by Dziezynski on Trails.com	Kerry	7.2/4-6	10,784 - 12,400	14,150	1,7050 - 3,250	2+	yes	Moderate	Durango/ 79.7 Silverton/ 32.0	★ Without jeep, distance could be double. Guidebook indicates a good fourteenner to start on. This is a good distance from Silverton.
Hesperus Mountain ☺	Best Summit Hikes in Co by Dziezynski on Trails.com	Kerry	5.3/5-7	10,780	13232	2840	2+	Best with	Low	Durango/ 51.8	The route is off trail most of the way. GPS and Topo map necessary
Golden Horn Summit Trail ☺	Best Summit Hikes in Co by Dziezynski on Trails.com	Kerry	10/6-8	9,840	13,769	3,890	Moderate to Difficult; Class 2	No	?	Silverton/ 5.8 Durango/ 53.8	
Handies Peak ☺		John	5/4-5.5	11,600	14,048	2,448	Moderate	4wd	?	Silverton/ 17.37	Should be doable with any 4wd
Redcloud and Sunshine Peaks ☺		John	12/7-8.5	11,600	14,034	4,634	Difficult	4wd	?	Silverton/ 17.37	Should be doable with any 4wd
Uncompahgre Peak ☺		John	8/4-5	11,400	14,309	2,900	Moderate	4wd	?	Silverton/ 34.8	Should be doable with any 4wd
Wetterhorn Peak ☺		John	7.2/4-6	10,850	14,015	3,165	Difficult	4wd	?	Silverton/ 25.1	Should be doable with any 4wd
Engineer Pass to American Flats and Wildhorse Peak ☺	Hiking Colorado's Uncompahgre Wilderness by William B. Crick on Trails.com	Kerry	6/4	12,600	13,266	13,266	Easy	4wd	?		Might be an interesting 4wd drive and hike combo
Non-Summit Hikes											
Goulding Creek ☺	100 Classic Hikes in Colorado Guide Book by Scott S. Warren on Trails.com	Kerry	5.4/4	7,880	10,070	2,190	Strenuous	No	?	Durango/ 16.5 Silverton/ 29.8	Rather rugged hike.
Crater Lake ☺	100 Classic Hikes in Colorado Guide Book by Scott S. Warren on Trails.com	Kerry	7/11	10,750	11,640	890	Moderate	No	Popular	Silverton/ 7.9 Durango/ 41.0	Sounds like an interesting hike, Very local to Silverton
Highland Mary Lakes ☺	Colorado's Incredible Backcountry Trails by David Day on Trails.com	Kerry	7.8/5-6	10,800	12,600	1,800	Moderate	useful	?	Silverton/ 7	Sounds wonderful, all except first and last mile are above timberline
Cunningham Gulch ☺	Hiking Colorado's Weminuche Wilderness by Donna Lynn Ikenberry on Trails.com	Kerry	5.2/?	10,500	12,200	1,380	Strenuous	No	Moderate	Silverton/7	
Bear Creek Trail ☺	Colorado's Incredible Backcountry Trails by David Day on Trails.com	Kerry	7.6/5.75	8,460	11,100	2,640	Strenuous	Useful with 2 vehicles	?	Silverton/ 20.3	Interesting look at the trail the miners had to actually blast into the side of cliffs, Historical artifacts and old Miner camps along trail.
Pass and Coal Creek Loop ☺	Hiking Colorado by Maryann Gaug on Trails.com	Kerry	7.0 or 5.8/3 - 5	10,600	11,750	1,150	Easy to moderate	No	?	Silverton/ 8.4	Shorter 5.8 miles with 2 vehicles.
☒ Cascade Creek Trail(s)	The National Forest Service	Kerry	6/?	9,200	11,200	2,000	Moderate	No	Medium	Silverton/1 9.6	Trail description not in any trail guides?? It's probably considered an unremarkable hike.
Cascade and Portland Loop ☺	Hiking Colorado by Maryann Gaug on Trails.com	Kerry	6.0/2.5-5.5	8,600	10,050	1,450	Strenuous	No	?	Silverton/2 2.5	Uses Upper Cascade Falls Trail and Portland Trail Trails Illustrated # 141
☒ Hermosa Roadless Area Trails ☺ Horses, Motorcycles, MTB's, ATV's on these trails	The Complete Guide to Colorado's Wilderness Areas Guide Book by John Fielder & Mark Pearson on Trails.com	Kerry	Circuits from 3 mi to 26 mi /varies	7,000 - 12,300	Varies	Varies	Easy to moderate	No	?	Durango/ 19.0 Silverton/ 38.8	Not designated as a wilderness but protected and managed as such. Some virgin timber survives at lower elevations. Without federal wilderness designation, It does not have permanent protection from mining or logging. Since it is undesignated, mt bikes, atv's, motorcycles






Descriptions for Listed Trails

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Route #1) Redcloud Peak - Northeast Ridge from Silver Creek

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<p>Difficulty: Class 2</p> <p>Exposure: </p> <p>Summit Elev.: 14,034 feet</p> <p>Trailhead Elev.: 10,400 feet</p> <p>Elevation Gain: 3,700 feet</p> <p>RT Length: 9.00 miles</p> <p>Trailhead: Silver Crk/Grizzly Gulch</p> <p>Author: BillMiddlebrook</p> <p>Last Updated: 6/2010</p>	<p>Weather Info: NOAA Link</p> <p>Condition Reports: View (5 reports) NEW REPORTS</p> <p>Cell Reception?: View (2 reports)</p> <p>County Sheriff: Hinsdale: 970-944-2291</p> <p>TOPO! GPS File:  Login to Download</p> <p>GPX File:  Login to Download</p> <p>Google Earth:  Login to Download</p> <p>User Climb Times: View</p> <p>Campgrounds: View on Google Maps</p> <p>Restaurants: View on Google Maps</p> <p>Trip Reports (112) Ski/Snowboard Trip Reports (11) 14erology</p>	 <p>Photo #8: On the 13,000-foot saddle, viewing the summit (left) and Northeast Ridge.</p>
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TH: From Lake City, drive about 2 miles south on Colorado 149 and turn right on County Road 30 toward Lake San Cristobal and Cinnamon Pass. From the start of the 30 road, it's nearly 16 miles to the trailhead. Stay right near 11.8 miles. After 12.5 miles the road becomes more rough, and between 13 and 14.5 miles it's a shelf road that hugs the south side of Sunshine Peak. Before 16 miles, reach the trailhead in an open area. Parts of this road are rough, but when it's dry good-clearance 2WD vehicles should be able to get to the trailhead.

Route: From the Silver Creek trailhead parking area, hike northeast up the hill and into the forest - [Photo #1](#). Near

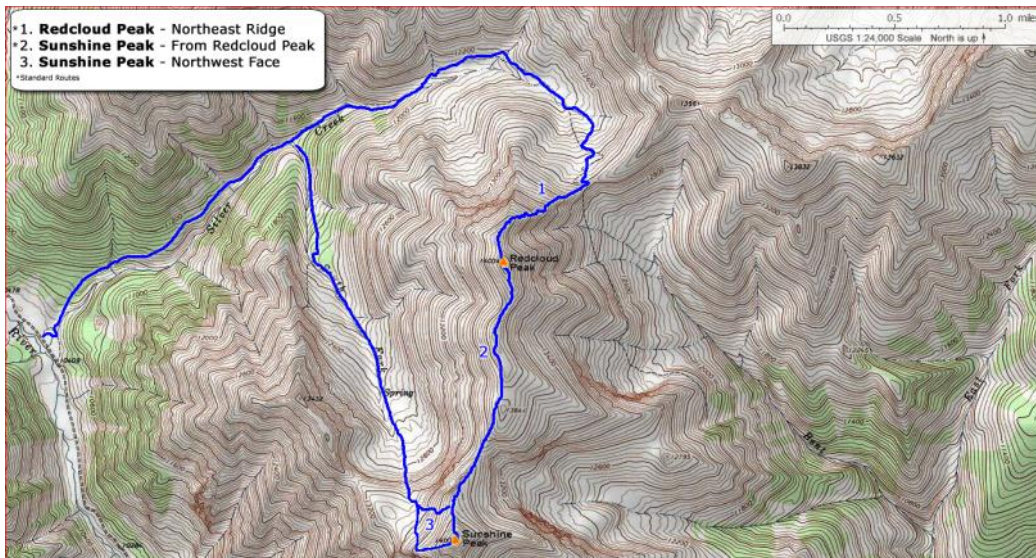
11,100', leave the trees and continue on the trail as it parallels Silver Creek on your right. After about 1.5 miles from the trailhead and near 11,300', the trail gets close to the creek. Continue northeast along Silver Creek And pass several areas where red rock has piled up on the left side of the creek - [Photo #2](#). Taken near 12,000', [Photo #3](#) shows how the terrain begins to open up as you enter the basin ahead. Continue on the trail as it curves around to the right (southeast) and enters the center of the basin near 12,200' - [Photo #4](#).

This area usually holds snow in early summer. To this point, you've hiked approximately 3 miles and gained 2,000' of elevation - [Photo #5](#). Follow the trail south across the basin and begin to ascend the slope below the saddle between Redcloud and Point 13,561'. Zigzag up the easy slope to reach the 13,000-foot saddle - [Photo #7](#).

From the saddle, turn right (west) to see Redcloud's Northeast Ridge and summit - [Photo #8](#) and [Photo #9](#). Begin climbing the ridge and then follow new trail segments off to the right that regain the ridge at a higher point. [Photo #10](#) was taken near 13,700'. Near the top of the ridge, the summit is off to the left but you must first gain a false summit - [Photo #11](#). At 13,900' the final summit pitch comes into view - [Photo #12](#). Follow the trail up to the summit - [Photo #13](#) and [Photo #14](#).

Notes: Stay alert on the road to the trailhead as it climbs around the base of Sunshine on the shelf road. In spring, there may be rocks on the road.

Pasted from <<http://www.14ers.com/routemain.php?route=redc1&peak=Redcloud+Peak+and+Sunshine+Peak>>



Route #1) Mt. Sneffels - From Yankee Boy Basin

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Difficulty: Difficult Class 2

Exposure:

Summit 14,150 feet

Weather Info: [NOAA Link](#)

Condition Reports: [View \(13 reports\)](#)






Elev.:			
Trailhead Elev.:	11,350 feet	Cell Reception?:	View (1 report)
Elevation Gain:	1,700 feet - starting at the upper trailhead (12,460') 2,900 feet - starting at restroom parking area (11,350')	County Sheriff:	Ouray: 970-325-7272
RT Length:	2.50 miles - starting at the upper trailhead (12,460') 6.00 miles - starting at restroom parking area (11,350')	National Forest:	Uncompahgre
Trailhead:	Yankee Boy Basin	Wilderness Area:	Mt. Sneffels
Author:	BillMiddlebrook	TOPO! GPS File:	 Login to Download
Last Updated:	8/2008	GPX File:	 Login to Download
		Google Earth:	 Login to Download
		User Climb Times:	View
		Campgrounds:	View on Google Maps
		Restaurants:	View on Google Maps
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Photo #10: A look at the remaining route from farther south in the basin.

- TH:** Take US 550 to Ouray. 1/4 mile south of town, turn west onto Country Road (CR) 361 (2WD, Dirt) toward Yankee Boy Basin. Start measuring mileage from the start of this road. Your mileage may vary slightly, but the following list describes the turns and milestones:
- At 3 miles: The road has some shelf sections with exposure to the left.
 - 4.7 miles: Stay right on CR 26.
 - 5.3 miles: The road is cut into the cliffs like a "C" so there is rock hanging over the road.
 - 6.1 miles: Stay right on CR 26 at the junction for Imogene Pass.
 - 6.3 miles: Pass through the empty Sneffels townsite.
 - 6.8 miles: Stay right and pass a Yankee Boy Basin info sign.
 - 6.9 miles: Stay right onto the "853 1B" road. The remaining drive is 4WD and 2WD cars should park below this junction.
 - 7.7 miles: Reach the lower "trailhead" where many people park. There is a restroom here.
- Driving beyond this point requires 4WD**
- 100 yards after the restroom parking area, pass a large rock and stay right at a junction.
 - 8.2 miles: Stay right.
 - 8.5 miles: The road gets much worse after this point and there's a sign that recommends only 4WD, high-clearance, short-wheelbase.
 - 4WD vehicles (short wheelbase, good clearance, 4WD low) can continue another mile to the signed, upper trailhead at 12,460'.

upper (4WD) trailhead at 12,460'.

From the lower trailhead parking area

(the one with the outhouse/restroom), continue west on the road that leads to the upper basin - [Photo #1](#). After 100 yards, pass a large rock that is close to the road and then stay right at a junction - [Photo #2](#). Follow the road $\frac{3}{4}$ mile along the side of a hill to 11,700' where the road gets worse - [Photo #3](#). It's another mile to the upper trailhead, but the remaining road is rough and should only be attempted by 4WD vehicles with good clearance and a short wheelbase. Continue up the road. [Photo #4](#) shows one of several rough portions of the road. On a flat spot near 12,300', stay right at a road junction. Hike the last $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to reach the upper trailhead

([Photo #5](#)) at 12,460'.

From the upper trailhead ([Photo #6](#)), hike northwest across talus on a good trail - [Photo #7](#) and [Photo #8](#). After over $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, there is a trail junction

near 12,600' - [Photo #9](#). Stay right toward Mt. Sneffels. You are below the south side of "Kismet" Mountain (13,694') at this point. Hike a short distance and turn right to ascend a few switchbacks before the trail angles toward a broad gully southeast of the summit - [Photo #10](#), [Photo #11](#), [Photo #12](#), and [Photo #13](#). The good trail runs out low in the gully and you must ascend loose rock and eroded trail sections. Climb north toward a col (often called "Lavender Col") at the top of the gully - [Photo #14](#), [Photo #15](#). Reach the col near 13,560'. [Photo #16](#) looks back down on the climb to this point.

From the col

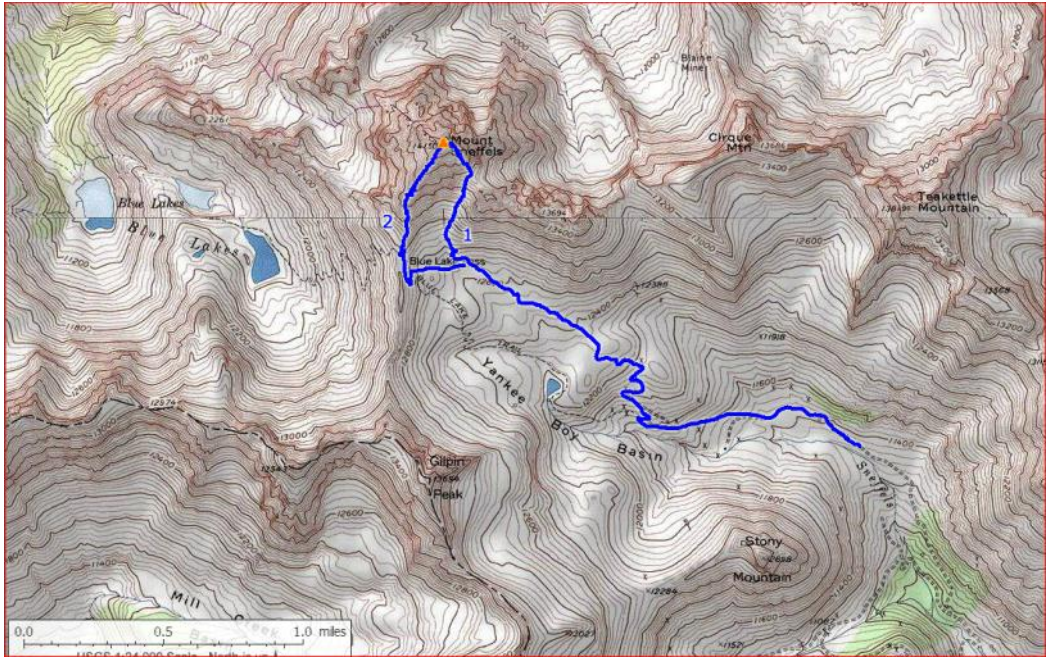
, look left (northwest) to see a steeper gully that climbs toward the summit - [Photo #17](#) and [Photo #18](#). The gully ascends to 14,050' and it's steep enough that falling rocks may gain momentum in some sections, especially if snow is present. With firm snow, crampons may be helpful. Begin climbing - [Photo #19](#) and [Photo #20](#). There is no single route up the gully and you may find yourself crossing from side-to-side as you ascend. [Photo #21](#) looks down the gully. About $\frac{1}{2}$ way up, angle right toward the center of the gully ([Photo #22](#)) and continue toward the top - [Photo #23](#) and [Photo #24](#). Taken during a spring snow climb, [Photo #25](#) looks down the gully. Near the top (approx. 30 feet from the end), turn left to find a small "V" notch - [Photo #26](#) and [Photo #27](#). Carefully climb up through the notch where you'll notice a bit of exposure on your left as you pass through.

Past the notch ([Photo #28](#)), the climbing becomes easier and the summit is not far off - [Photo #29](#). Scramble up to the summit on easy, stable rock - [Photo #30](#). [Photo #31](#) looks down on the final pitch. [Photo #32](#), [Photo #33](#), [Photo #34](#), and [Photo #35](#) were taken on the summit


Notes: The last couple of miles of the road are rough and require 4WD and high-clearance. Low-clearance vehicles (including many SUV's) should not continue past the restrooms at 11,350'. **IMPORTANT:** This route enters the [Mt. Sneffels Wilderness](#) area. Wilderness areas have special regulations and restrictions for party size, dispersed camping, campfires, etc. Also, dog owners should read the wilderness information carefully because some wilderness areas prohibit dogs to be off-leash and/or limit how close dogs can be to lakes and streams. If you have questions about the Mt. Sneffels Wilderness area, please contact a U.S. Forest Service office for the National Forest(s) listed above.

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Handies Peak from American Basin TH

<p>Difficulty Class 1 Ski: Intermediate, D4 / R3 / II</p>	<p>Weather Info: NOAA Link Condition Reports: View (6 reports) Cell Reception?: View (2 reports) County Sheriff: Hinsdale: 970-944-2291</p>
<p>Exposure  Summit Elev.: 14,048 feet Trailhead Elev.: 11,600 feet Elevation Gain: 2,500 feet 2,800 feet if you start at the bottom of the American Basin road</p>	<p>National Forest: Uncompahgre TOPO! GPS File:  Login to Download GPX File:  Login to Download</p>
<p>RT Length: 5.5 miles 7.3 miles if you start at the bottom of the American Basin road</p>	<p>Google Earth:  Login to Download User Climb Times: View Campgrounds: View on Google Maps</p>
<p>Trailhead: American Basin Author: BillMiddlebrook Last Updated: 7/2006</p>	<p>Restaurants: View on Google Maps Trip Reports (137) Ski/Snowboard</p>

TH: From Lake City, drive 2 miles south on Colorado 149 and turn right on the Lake San Cristibol road (County Road 30). This is the southern entrance to the "Alpine Loop" scenic byway. Follow the signs to Cinnamon Pass. Drive about 20 miles to a signed fork in the road. Left is to American Basin and right is to Cinnamon Pass. Turn left. If you do not have a 4WD vehicle with good clearance, park in the pull-offs near the start of this road. It's 0.9 mile to the trailhead from the start of the American Basin road. After 0.2 mile, you must cross a stream. There is more parking in this area. At the end of the road, the trailhead has a large parking area and the trail leading to Handies is obvious.

Route: If you parked below the trailhead, walk up the 4WD road, cross the stream near 11,400' ([Photo #1](#)), and reach the main trailhead



near 11,600'. It's 0.9 mile from the start of the 4WD road to the trailhead. [Photo #2](#) shows the trail as it leaves the trailhead and climbs south into the basin. Follow the trail south and then southeast into the basin - [Photo #3](#). Depending on the amount of snow that is left in American Basin, you may have to search for the trail in some areas. As you approach 12,400', curve around a small hill ([Photo #4](#)), and continue southeast to reach the base of a slope in the middle of the basin - [Photo #5](#). [Photo #6](#) is a higher-angle view of this slope. Zig zag a couple of hundred feet up the slope to reach 12,700' where you can now see the east end of the basin - [Photo #7](#).

Continue east as the trail descends slightly to the lowest point in the east end of the basin - [Photo #8](#). Handies is up to your left (northeast), but the trail now turns right (south) and climbs to Sloan Lake before traversing back toward Handies. [Photo #9](#) and [Photo #10](#) are different views of the slope below Sloan Lake. Climb 300' south up the slope to reach a trail junction just north of the lake



- [Photo #11](#).

Turn left and hike east up onto a rocky area where much of the remaining route can now be seen - [Photo #12](#). Traverse northeast across a talus slope to reach the Southwest Slope. Continue on the great trail to the middle of the slope before turning right near 13,200'. [Photo #13](#) looks back down on the route from this area. Ascend the grassy, Southwest Slope ([Photo #14](#)) to reach the 13,500-foot saddle








between Handies Peak and Point 13,588'. [Photo #15](#) shows the remaining route along the South Ridge. Turn left and follow the good trail up the gentle ridge. [Photo #16](#) was taken 300' below the summit



. Taken on top, [Photo #17](#) looks back down over American Basin.

Notes: With a trail all the way to the summit and recent trail improvements, in 2006 I changed the route difficulty from Class 2 to Class 1. Only good-clearance vehicles should travel past 9,500' on the San Cristibol road. The road gets more difficult past the Silver Creek / Grizzly Gulch trailhead. When the road is dry, an SUV with good clearance can drive to the upper trailhead - crossing the stream at 11,400' is often the most difficult section.

Route #2) Handies Peak - East Slopes from Grizzly Gulch

Difficulty: Class 2	Weather Info: NOAA Link	
Exposure: 	Condition Reports: View (6 reports)	
Summit Elev.: 14,048 feet	Cell Reception?: View (2 reports)	
Trailhead Elev.: 10,400 feet	County Sheriff: Hinsdale: 970-944-2291	
Elevation Gain: 3,650 feet	National Forest: Uncompahgre	
RT Length: 8.00 miles	TOPO! GPS File:  Login to Download	
Trailhead: Silver Crk/Grizzly Gulch	GPX File:  Login to Download	
Author: BillMiddlebrook	Google Earth:  Login to Download	
Last Updated: 7/2007	User Climb Times: View	
	Campgrounds: View on Google Maps	
	Restaurants: View on Google Maps	
	Trip Reports (137) Ski/Snowboard Trip Reports (13) 14erology	

TH: From Lake City, drive about 2 miles south on Colorado 149 and turn right on County Road 30 toward Lake San Cristobal and Cinnamon Pass. From the start of the 30 road, it's nearly 16 miles to the trailhead. Stay right near 11.8 miles. After 12.5 miles the road becomes more rough, and between 13 and 14.5 miles it's a shelf road that hugs the south side of Sunshine Peak. Before 16 miles, reach the trailhead in an open area. Parts of this road are rough, but when it's dry good-clearance 2WD vehicles should be able to get to the trailhead.

Route: From the trailhead, follow the signed trail for Grizzly Gulch (behind the restrooms). Walk a few hundred feet and cross the bridge that spans the creek - [Photo #1](#). Walk up through and meadow and enter the forest at 10,500' - [Photo #2](#). Follow the solid trail through the forest for about a mile and reach a point where Handies is visible ahead - [Photo #3](#). Continue for another mile as you cross several clearings (avalanche runouts) between 11,400' and 11,600', and finally exit the trees above 11,600' - [Photo #5](#). The view opens up and Handies is dead ahead. Continue past the last trees ([Photo #6](#)) to reach 12,000' in a flat area where the trail is next to the stream. [Photo #7](#) is the view of Handies from this area. Cross the stream once or twice and hike southwest up the center of the gulch, directly toward the peak - [Photo #8](#) and [Photo #9](#). Taken near 12,300', [Photo #10](#) looks back down on the area. Near 12,300', the slope eases and the terrain again becomes flat. Walk a short distance to a trail sign just below 12,400' - [Photo #11](#).

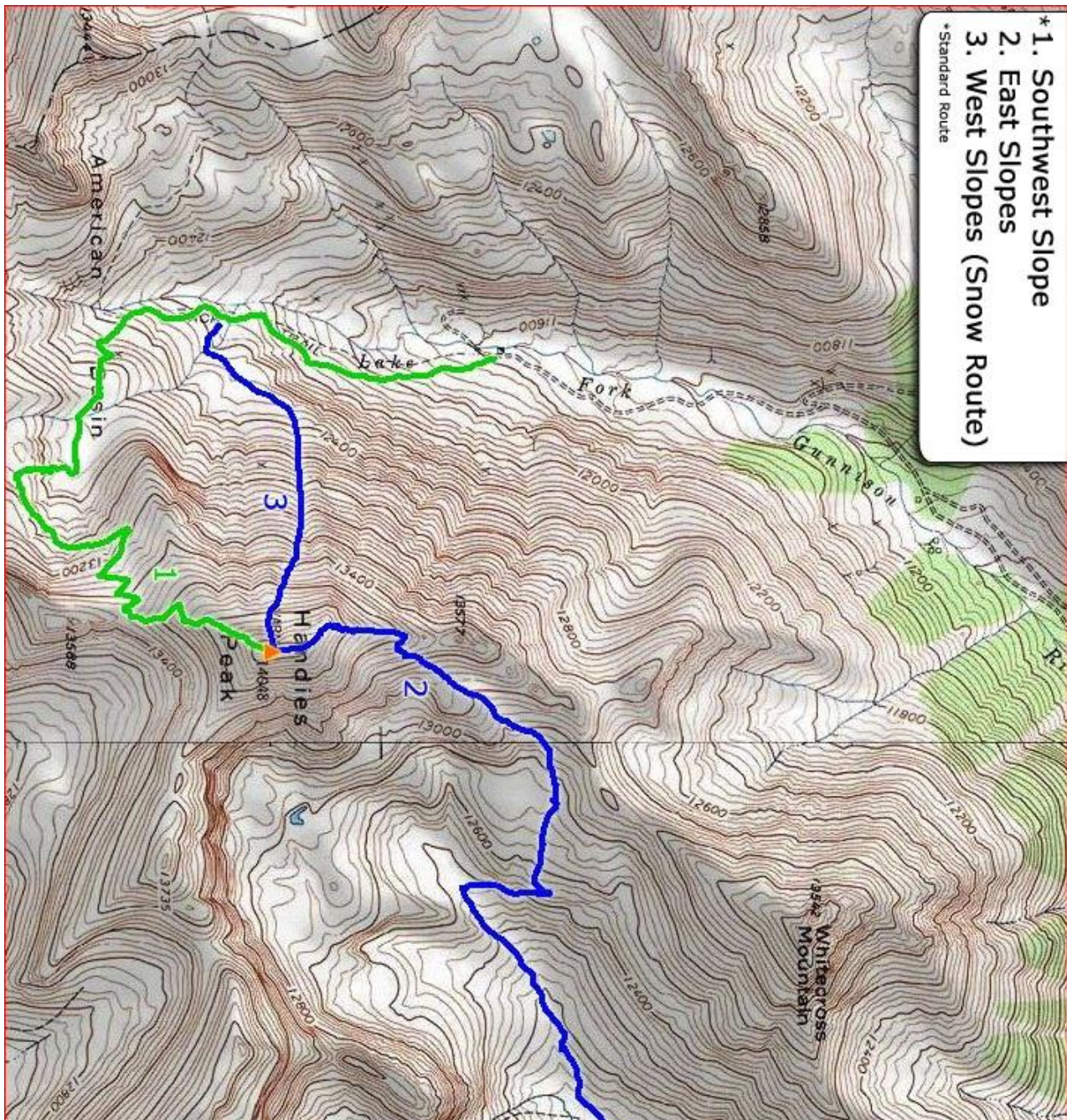
From the creek crossing, it's 1.5 miles more to the summit, but the next mile takes a bit of a tour to the north to gain the easiest terrain leading to the summit. Cross the creek and follow the trail north up a hillside - [Photo #11](#) and [Photo #12](#). Near 12,600', the trail turns left and enters a large flat(ish) area just west of Handie's North Ridge - [Photo #13](#). Cross the flat area to reach a rock moraine - [Photo #14](#). After hiking over the rocks ([Photo #15](#)), turn left and follow the trail southwest up grassy terrain - [Photo #16](#). Continue southwest up to 13,300' where the terrain eases again and much of the remaining route is visible - [Photo #17](#). Your next goal is to gain the North Ridge up to your right (west). [Photo](#)

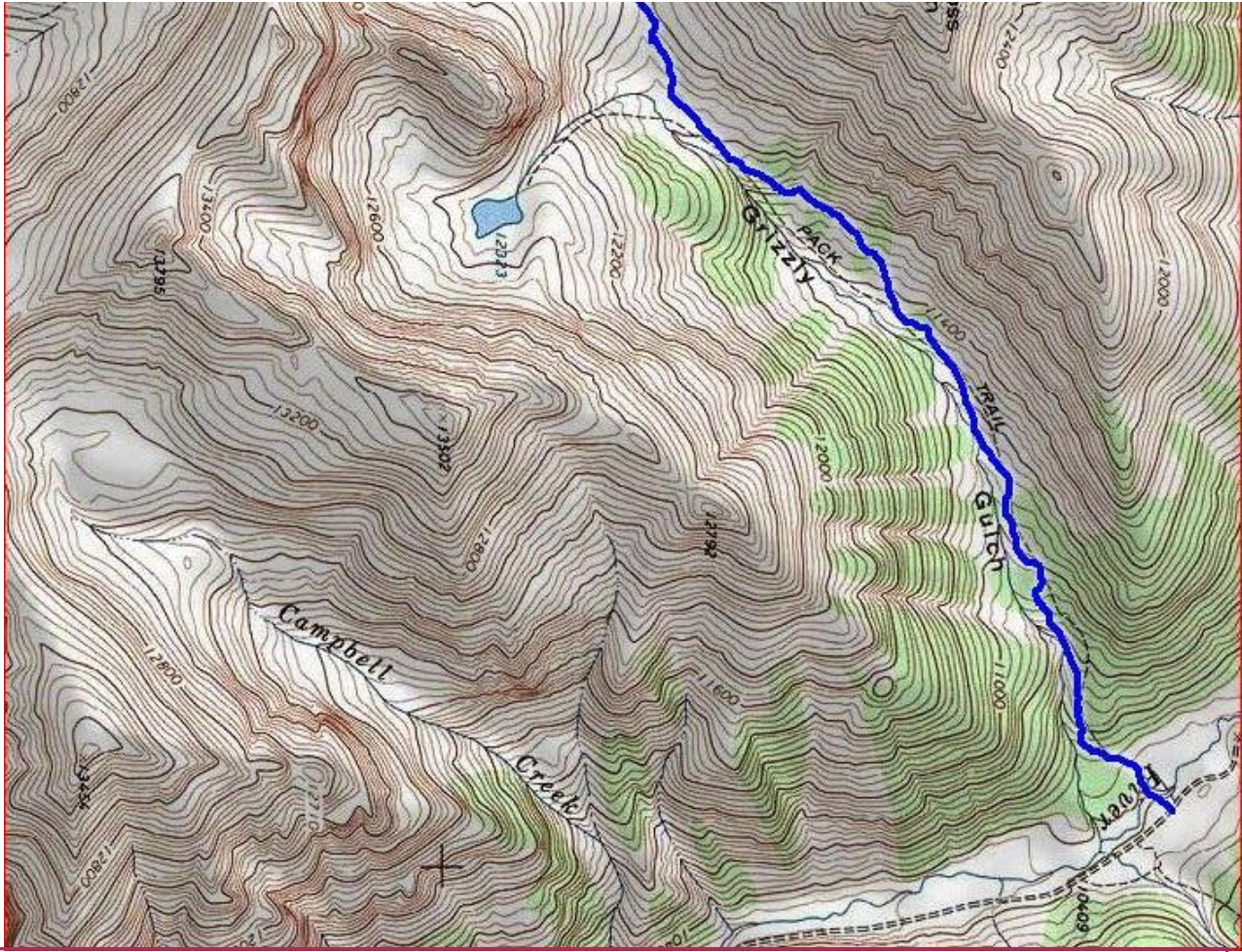
location of the trail if this terrain is snow-covered) as it climbs from 13,400' to 13,600' ([Photo #20](#) and [Photo #21](#)) on the crest of the North Ridge. [Photo #22](#) shows the area where the trail meets the ridge

Once on the ridge, turn south to see the next challenge - [Photo #23](#). The upper North Ridge is the steepest portion of this route and there is a bit of loose rock on the upper trail. Walk over to the base of this pitch and start up the steeper terrain - [Photo #24](#) and [Photo #25](#). Taken above 13,700', [Photo #26](#) looks down on the lower half of this pitch. [Photo #27](#) shows some of the rock near the top of the ridge and [Photo #28](#) is a broad look at the hike above 12,600'. After reaching the top of this pitch, the summit ridge quickly comes into view - [Photo #29](#). Follow the trail along the ridge and over to the summit

- [Photo #30](#) and [Photo #31](#). [Photo #32](#) looks back on the summit ridge. [Photo #33](#) and [Photo #34](#) and other views from the top.

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 CASCADE CREEK TRAIL Forest Service #510 Length: 6 miles (9.6 km.)

Access #1: 30 miles north of Durango on U.S. 550, turn west on the Cascade dirt road (frontage access sign). This road eventually turns into 4WD, but there is a little cul-de-sac area just past the flume where there is some parking. From here follow the dirt road approximately ¾ mile to a red gate before a cabin on the right. Open the gate and follow the road until it turns to the trail.





Cascade Creek Trail

There are two trails, on either side of the creek. The trail on the east is a stock driveway that is steep and muddy in spots. The trail on the west is more pleasant; it stays closer to the stream and is moderate hiking. Directly across the creek is the end of the Cascade Trail, where the west-side trail ends (or turns into Graysill Trail). It is best to cross the creek up a little ways. To the east is Graysill Trail, which continues on until it ties into the Rico-Silverton Trail. There are several beautiful views and waterfalls. Plenty of water is available, but purification is recommended to avoid Giardia.

Starting Elevation 9200 - Cascade summer homes

Ending Elevation 11200 - Rico-Silverton Trail

From Nat'l Forest Service Website for San Juan National Forest

Cascade Creek Trail

Beginning Elevation: 9,200 Feet (2867.8 Meters)

Difficulty: More Difficult

Elevation Gain: 520 Feet (162.1 Meters)

Ending Elevation: 9,720 Feet (3029.9 Meters)

Length, One-way: 4.7 Miles (7.83 Kilometers)

Trail Number: 510

Usage: Moderate

USGS Maps: Engineer Mountain

[Outfitters and Guides](#)

General Description

There is a trail on both sides of the creek. The east side is a stock driveway that is steep and muddy in spots. The trail on the west is more pleasant, staying closer to the stream with more moderate hiking. Directly across the creek where Engine Creek Trail veers north away from the trail is where the trails turns into Graysill Trail. It is best to cross the creek up a little higher. There are several beautiful views and waterfalls.

Directions from Durango, Colorado: 30 miles north of Durango on U.S. Highway 550, turn west on the Cascade dirt road (frontage access sign). This road eventually turns to 4WD but there is a little cul-de-sac area just past the flume where some parking is available. If continuing, follow the dirt road approximately 3/4 of a mile to a red gate before a cabin on the right. Open the gate and follow the road until it dead ends at the trailhead.

Seasonal Information:

Normally Accessible: Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend .

Current Conditions & Trip Reports



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Date: 6/1

Filed By: Megan (Albuquerque, NM)

Time of Day: afternoon

Length of Time: backpacked over 3 days (3 half days of hiking)

Difficulty: Moderate

Number of People Encountered: 0-10 ppl

Recommend to a Friend: Highly

Report: Pretty steep elevation gain with a pack and when you're not used to elevation - we were on the west side of the creek. We weren't ever sure we were on the "right" trail. But the water falls are amazing and made it well worth it! Great meadow views, great vista at the biggest waterfall. Really nice campsite in one of the meadows (maybe 3 miles in) with a great view of two of the peaks. We didn't see anyone for the first two days, then saw 3 small groups on the hike out.

Conditions: Snow fields lingering in the forrested areas, lots of downed trees in the trail, quite a few stream crossings, and at least 3 places where the trail was just a marsh or bog. We had a hard time finding the trail after about 3 or 4 miles, really hard after the big water fall. The trail looked really disused, it was barely an indentation, and we didn't have a map. There are no signs or trail markers that we found.

Water Availability: Copious water, filtered

Recommended Clothing: The canyon is deep and the altitude is high, so it got extremely cold at night (we had to retreat to 0 degree sleeping bags as soon as night fell). Very pleasant in the day this time of year.

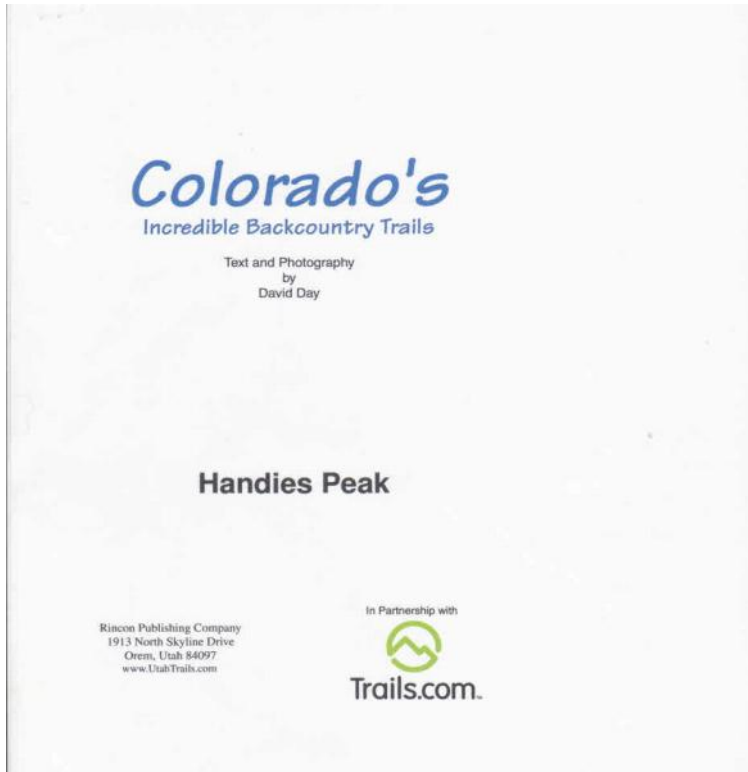
Suggested Accessories: Definitely get a stick for the snow, mud, marsh, steep climbs, and river crossings.

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Descriptions 2

Thursday, August 04, 2011

8:40 AM



Handies Peak

★★★★★ shuttle car required
day hike

Distance: 6.0 miles
(plus 4.3 miles by car)

Walking time: 4 1/2 hours

Elevation: 2,650 ft. gain, 9,030 ft. loss
American Basin Trailhead (start): 11,800 ft.
Handies Peak: 14,048 ft.
Grizzly Gulch Trailhead: 10,420 ft.

Trail: Well maintained and easy to follow

Season: Midsummer through mid-Fall. The upper parts of the trail are generally covered with snow from early November through mid-July.


Vicinity: Near Lake City

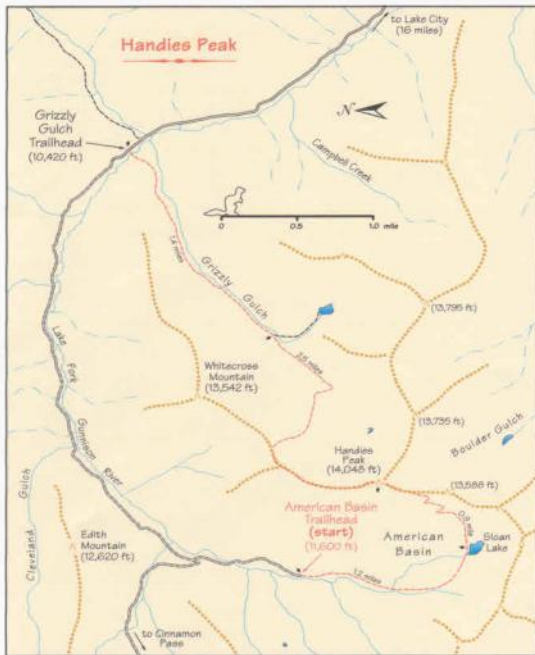
Maps: Handies Peak, Red Cloud Peak (USGS)
Silverton, Ouray, Telluride, Lake City (Trail Illustrated, # 141)

Information: <http://colorado.utahtrails.com/handiespeak.html>
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/zone/1/100compshape/NationalForest/>
phone: (970) 641-0571 (Gunnison Ranger District at Lake City)

Drive south from Lake City on Highway 160 for 2.4 miles until you see a sign directing you to the San Cristobal Recreation Area. Turn right here onto County Road 30 and follow the signs toward Cinnamon Pass. After 4.1 miles you will come to the end of the pavement, and 12.0 miles later you will see a sign marking the Grizzly Gulch Trailhead on the left side of the graded gravel road. This is where the hike ends.

To get to American Basin where the hike begins you must continue west on County Road 30 towards Cinnamon Pass for another 3.6 miles. Turn left at the sign that says "American Basin" and drive another 0.9 miles. The trailhead and parking area are at the end of the road. The road is not well maintained beyond the Grizzly Gulch Trailhead, but most cars can still usually get as far as the American Basin turnoff. The last 0.9 miles, however, are for 4WD vehicles only.





There are two commonly used trails to the summit of Handies Peak: one goes up through American Basin on the west side of the mountain, and the other approaches the peak from the east through Grizzly Gulch.

Of these two alternatives the trail through American Basin is the most popular, simply because it is shorter. It is only 2.1 miles from the American Basin Trailhead to the summit, and the elevation gain is only 2,450

feet. The trail from the American Basin to the summit of Handies Peak can easily be done in 4 or 5 hours.

But in my opinion Grizzly Gulch is one of the most striking glacial valleys in the San Juans, and it would be a shame to miss it. I suggest you climb Handies from the American Basin Trailhead but make your descent down the Grizzly Gulch Trail to experience the joy of a downhill stroll through an incredibly beautiful alpine valley.

To do this one-way hike you should ideally have an extra car to leave at the exit trailhead, but there are several alternatives: One: since the distance between trailheads is only 4.5 miles it is quite feasible to do the shuttle with a mountain bike. Two: Since the Grizzly Gulch Trailhead is located on the popular Alpine Loop Road there is a lot of jeep traffic, and it isn't too difficult to hitch a ride as far as the turnoff to American Basin. From there it is only a 0.9 mile walk up the American Basin Road to the beginning trailhead. Three: If you are unable to get a

jeep to the Grizzly Gulch Trailhead back to the American Basin Trailhead.

A well trodden path follows the bottom of the drainage from the trailhead up into the beautiful American Basin. The trail bears south for 0.8 mile and then turns east toward a ridge on the south side of the peak. After climbing 500 feet up the side of the ridge you will pass the north side of Sloan Lake, an alpine tarn with dramatic volcanic cliffs rising above its south side. Sloan Lake is especially pretty if you are fortunate enough to be there on a windless morning when the nearby cliffs are reflected off the smooth, shaded surface of the water.

From the lake the trail continues climbing for another 500 feet to the crest of the ridge and then turns north for the final 650 feet of elevation gain to the summit. When you reach the ridge you will see the real beauty of Handies unfold below. Handies Peak is surrounded by three gorgeous alpine



Sloan Lake, seen from the south ridge of Handies Peak



Mount Sneffels Summit Trail
Sneffels Colorado Hikes

Yankee Boy Basin is a beautiful place to spend an afternoon. The colors of the San Juans and the views of surrounding mountains are spectacular. Many peaks in the region are over 13,000 feet; they sprawl out like a legion of stoic giants. Many wild animals call the area home. A black bear, a coyote, and several elk said hello to me the last time I was in the basin. The gully that exits just below the top is a great finishing touch. Sneffels is a good hike for people who want to... show more »

Trail Statistics & Information

- Activity Type: Hiking
- Nearby City: Sneffels
- Length: 7.2 total miles
- Elevation Gain: 3,250 feet
- Trail Type: Out-and-back
- Skill Level: Moderate; Class 2+/Optional class 3 moves on summit
- Duration: 4–6 hours
- Season: June–September
- Trailhead Elevation: 10,784 feet
- Top Elevation: 14,150 feet
- Local Contacts: Uncompahgre National Forest, Ouray Ranger District
- Topo Map: [Mount Sneffels Summit Trail Topographic Map](#)
- Guide Book: [Best Summit Hikes in Colorado Guide Book](#)
- Driving Directions: [View Guide](#)
- Trail Directions: [View Guide](#)

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Hesperus Mountain Summit Trail

I would be lying if I said I didn't feel a spiritual pull to Dibé Nitsaa. The striking profile and coloration of the peak stands out from miles away. Views from the top are incredible, mimicking an eagle's perspective of the land below. Sharktooth Peak rises from an ocean of talus to the north, and the craggy, broken face of Lavender Mountain shares a busted ridge to the west. The hiking is tough at times, but once you have gained the west ridge, you're in business. What... show more »

Trail Statistics & Information

Activity Type: Hiking
Nearby City: Golconda
Length: 5.3 total miles
Elevation Gain: 2,840 feet
Trail Type: Out-and-back
Skill Level: Moderate to Difficult; Class 2+
Duration: 5–7 hours
Season: June–September
Trailhead Elevation: 10,780 feet
Top Elevation: 13,232 feet
Local Contacts: San Juan National Forest, Dolores Ranger District
Topo Map: [Hesperus Mountain Summit Trail Topographic Map](#)
Guide Book: [Best Summit Hikes in Colorado Guide Book](#)
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Hermosa Roadless Area Trails

Durango Colorado Hikes

Hermosa Spanish name, meaning "beautiful," well describes the colorful geology and luxuriant forests of this wild drainage north of Durango. One of Colorado's most biologically diverse forests, Hermosa contains 17 separate ecosystems, ranging from rocky scrub oak and pinyon-juniper at lower elevations to aspen, spruce, and fir. Tracts of virgin timber exist at elevations as low as 7,000 feet, well below the typical elevation of most protected forests in Colorado. The Col... show more »

Trail Statistics & Information

Activity Type: Hiking
Nearby City: Durango
Length: 125 total miles
Elevation Gain: Minimal
Trail Type: Many options
Skill Level: Easy to Moderate
Season: Best Spring through Fall
Trailhead Elevation: 7,000 feet

Top Elevation: 12,300 feet
Other Uses: Skiing
Local Contacts: San Juan National Forest
Local Maps: USGS Electra Lake, Elk Creek, Hermosa Peak, La Plata, Monument Hill, Orphan Butte, Wallace Ranch
Topo Map: [Hermosa Roadless Area Trails Topographic Map](#)
Guide Book: [The Complete Guide to Colorado's Wilderness Areas Guide Book](#)
Driving Directions: [View Guide](#)
Trail Directions: [View Guide](#)

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Goulding Creek Durango Colorado Hikes

Short and steep, the Goulding Creek Trail reveals some splendid timbered areas, a string of beautiful meadows, and a dose of old-fashioned cowboy memorabilia. To reach the Goulding Creek trailhead, drive about 16 miles north of Durango along US Highway 550. About a mile past the Tamarron Resort, turn left at a small sign for the trail. The trailhead itself is located less than 0.25 mile down this dirt road.

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Trail Statistics & Information

Activity Type: Hiking
Nearby City: Durango
Length: 5.4 total miles
Elevation Gain: Minimal
Trail Type: Out-and-back
Skill Level: Strenuous
Duration: 4 hours
Season: June to October
Trailhead Elevation: 7,880 feet
Top Elevation: 10,070 feet
Local Contacts: San Juan National Forest
Local Maps: USGS Electra Lake
Topo Map: [Goulding Creek Topographic Map](#)
Guide Book: [100 Classic Hikes in Colorado Guide Book](#)
Driving Directions: [View Guide](#)
Trail Directions: [View Guide](#)

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Crater Lake Durango Colorado Hikes

The hike to Crater Lake is a popular one, and for good reason. Access to the trail's start is easy and, with only one real climb, the hike is undemanding. Along the way the route crosses some impressive terrain before reaching a real gem of a lake. Whether you are looking for a nice day hike or an overnight destination, Crater Lake is an excellent possibility.

Trail Statistics & Information

Activity Type: Hiking
Nearby City: Durango
Length: 11 total miles
Elevation Gain: Minimal
Trail Type: Out-and-back
Skill Level: Moderate
Duration: 7 hours
Season: July to September
Trailhead Elevation: 10,750 feet
Top Elevation: 11,640 feet
Local Contacts: San Juan National Forest; Weminuche Wilderness Area
Local Maps: USGS Snowdon Peak
Topo Map: [Crater Lake Topographic Map](#)
Guide Book: [100 Classic Hikes in Colorado Guide Book](#)
Driving Directions: [View Guide](#)
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Golden Horn Summit Trail Ophir Colorado Hikes

Golden Horn looks like a miniature version of Uncompahgre Peak, but the climbing is much different. As you can tell by its crumbly appearance, rock in this area is constantly being shed from the shattered peaks. Despite the ruinous appearance, the route to Golden Horn is on mostly solid rock. The only loose slope is found on a short scree section just below the summit. Once you get to the top, there are several places where fun scrambling offers new vantage points o... show more »

Trail Statistics & Information

Activity Type: Hiking
Nearby City: Ophir
Length: 10 total miles
Elevation Gain: 3,890 feet
Trail Type: Out-and-back
Skill Level: Moderate to Difficult; Class 2
Duration: 6–8 hours
Season: July–September
Trailhead Elevation: 9,840 feet
Top Elevation: 13,769 feet
Local Contacts: San Juan National Forest, San Juan Public Lands Center
Topo Map: [Golden Horn Summit Trail Topographic Map](#)

Guide Book: [Best Summit Hikes in Colorado Guide Book](#)

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Silverton

1. [American Basin Trail \(4 miles\)](#)
2. [Colorado Trail \(23 miles\)](#)
3. [Continental Divide: Stony Pass to Weminuche Pass \(31.5 miles\)](#)
4. [Crater Lake \(11 miles\)](#)
5. [Crater Lake \(10.6 miles\)](#)
6. [Crater Lake Trail \(11 miles\)](#)
7. [Cunningham Gulch \(5.2 miles\)](#)
8. [Elk Park / Chicago Basin Shuttle-Loop \(40.5 miles\)](#)
9. [Golden Horn Summit Trail \(10 miles\)](#)
10. [Handies Peak \(6 miles\)](#)
11. [Handies Peak Trail \(7 miles\)](#)
12. [Highland Mary Lakes \(8 miles\)](#)
13. [Highland Mary Lakes \(9 miles\)](#)
14. [Highland Mary Lakes \(7.8 miles\)](#)
15. [Highland Mary Trail \(7 miles\)](#)
16. [Ice Lake Basin \(7 miles\)](#)
17. [Ice Lake Basin \(9.3 miles\)](#)
18. [Ice Lake Trail \(7 miles\)](#)
19. [Molas Trail \(4 miles\)](#)
20. [Pass and Coal Creek Loop \(7 miles\)](#)
21. [Red Cloud and Sunshine Peaks \(11 miles\)](#)
22. [Redcloud Peak Summit Trail – Sunshine Peak Traverse \(9.5 miles\)](#)
23. [Redcloud and Sunshine Peaks \(11.4 miles\)](#)
24. [San Juan County: Vermilion Peak \(10.6 miles\)](#)
25. [San Miguel Peak Roadless Area Trails \(80 miles\)](#)
26. [Starvation Pass \(5 miles\)](#)
27. [Storm King Peak Summit Trail \(14.7 miles\)](#)
28. [The Colorado Trail: Bolam Pass Road to Hotel Draw \(10.9 miles\)](#)
29. [The Colorado Trail: Molas Pass to Bolam Pass Road \(20.9 miles\)](#)
30. [The Colorado Trail: Rio Grande Reservoir to Molas Pass \(21.9 miles\)](#)
31. [Weminuche Wilderness Trails \(475 miles\)](#)

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Durango

1. [Animas City Mountain \(6 miles\)](#)
2. [Animas Overlook Trail \(0.8 miles\)](#)
3. [First Fork Trail \(6 miles\)](#)

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Trail Guides

Tuesday, July 20, 2010
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Purchased Guides & Maps

Friday, August 06, 2010
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Maps and Literature

John's Purchase

- 1 "Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado - Trails Illustrated Map # 140 (National Geographic)"
National Geographic Maps; Map; \$11.95

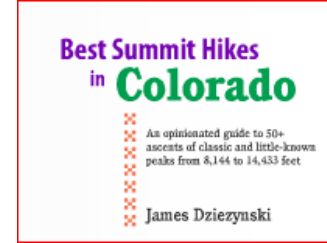
Sold by: Amazon.com, LLC
- 1 "Telluride, Silverton, Ouray & Lake City, Colorado - Trails Illustrated Maps #141 (National Geographic Maps: Trails Illustrated)"
National Geographic Maps; Map; \$9.56

Sold by: Amazon.com, LLC
- 1 "100 Classic Hikes Colorado"
Scott S. Warren; Paperback; \$14.93

Sold by: Amazon.com, LLC
- 1 "Southern Colorado 4-Wheeling, The San Juans"
Wayne W. Griffin; Paperback; \$14.95

Sold by: Amazon.com, LLC

Guidebook on Trails.com online, just one of many guides - Kerry



Packing List

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

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San Juan Mountains Packing List

Modified - 8/1/2011 for the San Juans

1. General Clothing

- a. • TShirts – 1 or 2
- b. • Coolmax Longsleeve Shirts – 2
- c. • Unders – 5
- d. • Snotters – 6
- e. • Socks -
- f. o Liners – 4
- g. o Midweight Hiking – 4
- h. o Cotton Travel - 2
- i. • Pants – driquick – 4 - 1 with zipoff legs

1. Outer Clothing

- a. • Fleece – Jacket
- b. • Fleece - pullover
- c. • Fleece - vest
- d. • Gloves - fleece
- e. • Pullover Cap - fleece
- f. • Goretex rain parka – (doubles as windbreaker)
- g. • Breathable rain pants
- h. • Outdoor Research Rain Hat
- i. o Bora Bora Boonie sun hat
- j. o Baseball cap
- k. • Hiking poles (2)
- l. • Footwear
- m. o Hiking Boots- goretex
- n. o Trail Running Shoes – wear for flight and in camp or light hikes
- o. o Goretex Light Hikers
- p. General Items
- q. • Cell Phone & Charger
- r. • Watch
- s. • Leatherman
- t. • Small flashlight
- u. • Extra Batteries
- v. • GPS – set up with maps and routes

2. • Toiletries

- a. o Toothbrush, paste
- b. o Folding Cup
- c. o Razor + Shaving Cream
- d. o Washcloth, soap
- e. o Woolite detergent for handwashing clothes - Opt.
- f. o Clothespins with hooks to hang clothes- Opt.
- g. o Piece of parachute cord
- h. o Hearing aid dessicant jar

3. • Medications

- a. o Tylenol PM

- b. o Tums
- c. o Pepsid complete
- 4. General Items
 - a. Water bladder (2 Water bottles -purchase enrout).
 - b. • Sunscreen
 - c. • Skin cream
 - d. • Monocular
 - e. • SLR Camera + Gear
 - f. • Video Camera
 - g. • Water Purification Pump
 - h. • Guidebook, Flower guides, Tree Guide. Maps
 - i. • Daypack (to carry on) with camera gear and carry on* items
 - j. • Belly Wallet
 - k. o Organized credit cards etc
 - l. o money
 - m. • Passport neck wallet
 - n. o Passport
 - o. o Airline Tickets & parking info and airport maps, info etc
 - p. • Wet wipes
 - q. • Laundry Bag
 - r. • Headlamp

5. CarryOn*

- a. • Kindle, Newspaper
- b. • Cell phone, charger
- c. • GPS, extra batteries
- d. • Extra unders
- e. • Tooth brush
- f. • Travel docs
- g. • Passport
- h. • Snotters
- i. • Tissues
- j. • Extra Glasses
- k. • Hearing aid batteries
- l. • Hearing aid pouch
- m. • Pen + Pad
- n. • SLR Camera + Gear

1. Preliminaries

- a. Check in online
- b. Check flight status
- c. Other Tasks

d.	Print waterproof general maps
	Gas up the truck

2. Last Minute

- a. Hearing aid dessicant jar
- b. Cell phone & charger
- c. Wallet, Ticket, Passport, etc
- d. Car & House Keys
- e. Kindle

f. Watch

Food Thoughts

Friday, August 05, 2011
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Ouray Super Market

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Phone: (970) 325-4397

Physical: 621 Main, Ouray, CO, 81427

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Telluride Super Market

Clark's Market, Telluride

700 W. Colorado

Telluride, CO 81435

970.728.3124

Super Markets in Durango



[Albertsons Food & Pharmacy](#)

311 W College Drive

Durango CO 81301 Tel: **970 382 2228**



[Walmart Supercenter](#)

1155 S Camino Del Rio

Durango CO 81303

First Dinner in Durango

Friday Dinner in Silverton – plan so we're home in time

Mid-week dinner in Silverton – plan so we're home in time – pizza or burgers etc

Dinners:

Con Queso Veggie Wraps

1 bag Whole wheat tortillas
(1/2 bag frozen vegetable stir-fry mix)
1 bag fresh mixed vegetables
Onions, zucchini, brown rice, beans
8 oz Sour Cream
10 oz cheese and/or cheddar cheese
Bean dip
Hummus
Salsa
Taco seasoning to fry some of the veggies
Taco sauce for dressing
Tomatoes
fresh parsley
onion

1. Fry veggies
2. heat tortillas
3. Spread preferred items on tortillas
4. Scoop in veggies and cheese

Nutrition Facts

Nutrition (per serving): 327 calories, 256 calories from fat, 29g total fat, 94.4mg cholesterol, 99.2mg sodium, 312.2mg potassium, 10.3g carbohydrates, 0g fiber, <1g sugar, 7.1g protein.

Source

Author: Crescent Dragonwagon

Pasta, Sausage, Sauce, Bread (refrig)

Chilean Shepherd's Pie (Pastel de Choclo)

The amount of sugar you use will vary depending on the sweetness of the corn. Be sure to adjust the heat as the cream and corn cook, and stir the mixture frequently to prevent the bottom from burning. For a less rustic presentation, this dish can be assembled in six 2-cup ovenproof bowls or ramekins; the baking time for these smaller bowls will be shorter, about 15 to 20 minutes or until the tops are browned. If you don't have hot paprika, substitute 1/2 teaspoon regular paprika mixed with 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper.

10 medium ears fresh corn , husks and silk removed (Substitute froz corn)
1 cup heavy cream
Salt and ground black pepper
1/4 cup fresh basil leaf , chopped
6 boneless, skinless chicken thighs (about 1 1/2 pounds), trimmed
2 Tbs olive oil

1/2 cup water
4 medium onions , minced (about 4 cups)
1 Tbs ground cumin
1/2 tsp hot paprika
1 lb 85 percent lean ground beef
4 hard-cooked eggs , sliced thin
3/4 cup kalamata olives , pitted and halved
1/2 cup raisins
1 - 2 teaspoons sugar

1. Adjust an oven rack to the middle position and heat the oven to 450 degrees. Cut the kernels from 5 ears of the corn into a medium bowl; set the cobs aside. Using the large holes of a box grater, grate the kernels from the remaining 5 ears of corn into the bowl; set the cobs aside. Using the back of a butter knife, scrape the milk and pulp from all of the cobs into the bowl.

2. Bring the corn kernel and pulp mixture, cream, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper to a simmer in a medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring often, until the mixture is thickened, about 15 minutes. Stir in the basil, season with salt and pepper to taste, and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, pat the chicken dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper. Heat 2 teaspoons of the oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until just smoking. Add the chicken and cook until browned on one side, about 3 minutes. Flip the chicken over, add the water, and cover. Reduce the heat to medium and continue to cook until the thickest part of the chicken registers 175 degrees on an instant-read thermometer, about 10 minutes longer. Transfer to a carving board and cool slightly, then shred into bite-sized pieces.

4. Wipe out the skillet with paper towels. Add the remaining 4 teaspoons oil, onions, cumin, paprika, and 1/2 teaspoon salt to the skillet. Cook over medium heat until the onions are softened, 8 to 10 minutes. Add the beef and cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, about 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

5. Spread the beef in a casserole dish that has at least a 2 1/2-quart capacity (measuring roughly 11 by 7 inches with 2 1/2-inch sides). Layer the eggs, olives, and raisins over the beef, then arrange the shredded chicken on top. Cover the chicken with the corn mixture, sprinkle with the sugar, and bake until the corn is golden brown and forms a crust, 30 to 35 minutes. Let rest for 15 minutes before serving.

Servings: 6

Source: From The Best International Recipe - Cook's Illustrated

1 night Pizza

Lunches:

Eggs for hard boil

Peanut butter & jelly

Bread

Energy Bars

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