

HERMAN GULCH TO HERMAN LAKE

DAY HIKE

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation. **P.S.** Get and give trail updates at **www.facebook.com/oriccolorado**

Location: Arapaho National Forest East of Eisenhower Tunnel Contact Info: Clear Creek Ranger District 303-567-4382 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 3.34 miles one-way (estimate using the Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: The average person hikes approximately 2 miles an hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain and weather conditions and your skill and fitness level and whether you are hiking or trail running.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Moderate to strenuous

Trail Users: Hikers

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Season: Early June through early October

Dogs: On hand-held leash

Permits: Not required

Getting There From Denver: Drive west on I-70. Get off I-70 at Exit 218. You'll see a trail information sign, parking area and restrooms

Maps: National GeographicTrails Illustrated #104W and or Grays Peak and Loveland Pass USGS topographic maps. **IMPORTANT:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, a compass, a GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

Safety Concerns and Supplemental Info: ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning ■ Parking lot can get crowded ■ Check <u>www.oriconline.org</u> for fire restrictions ■ Prepare for mosquitoes from June through September

Trail Description: Soon after your hike begins the trail divides with the right branch going up Watrous Gulch. The initial ascent is somewhat steep, but soon moderates. Potentially an overnight backpacking destination. Restrooms are conveniently located at the trailhead. **TIP:** Contact the Idaho Springs Visitor Center (303-567-4382) for trail updates.

Highlights:

Wonderful wildflower viewing (peak in late June to early August)
Herman Lake sits in a pristine, mountain rimmed bowl
Spectacular mountain scenery
Views of Pettingell Peak

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