

## **PAWNEE PASS**

## 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:** Indian Peaks Wilderness

Arapaho National Forest Brainard Lake Rec Area **Contact Info:** Boulder Ranger District

303-541-2500 www.fs.fed.us/r2

**Length:** 4.30 miles one-way (est. using the Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

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

**Season:** July through October

**Elevation Gain:** See trail profile on reverse side

**Difficulty:** Moderate to strenuous **Trail Users:** Hikers and wildlife **Dogs:** On hand-held leash

**Permits:** Not required for day hikes. The Brainard Lk Rec Area is a fee area.

**Getting There from Denver:** I-25 North. Left (west) onto US 36 to Boulder. Left (west) onto Boulder Canyon Road to Nederland. North on Peak to Peak Highway to the turn-off for Ward. Left (west) on Brainard Lake Road (Boulder County Road 102). Brainard Lake Road west to the Long Lake Trailhead.

**Maps:** National Geographic Trails Illustrated #102E and Sky Terrain Southern Rocky Mountain Nat'l Park Indian Peaks Wilderness, Ward Quadrangle and Monarch Lake 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 Considerations and Supplemental Info: ■ No camping on the east side of the Continental Divide in the Indian Pks Wilderness, i.e., this area is designated day-use only from May 1 – November 30 ■ The Brainard Lake Recreation Area road is gated at the fee station from approximately late October to late June or early July ■ Prepare for mosquitoes from July through September

**Trail Description:** One of the most popular trails in the Indian Peaks Wilderness. An entrance fee is charged for driving into the Brainard Lake Recreation Area. Begin hiking Forest Trail #907 passing the Jean Lunning Tr. to the south at .2 mi. and again at 1.3 mi. the tr. climbs steeply at 1.7 mi. staying right past Isabelle Glacier Tr. #908 at 2.3 mi. continue up to the top of Pawnee Pass (12,550) at 4.9 mi. from Pawnee Pass the trail descends very steeply, swb., to Pawnee Lk. at 6.4 mi. if you decide to continue to Monarch Lk., follow the tr. W and connect with Cascade Tr. #1 and descend to Monarch Lk. ■ Contact the Boulder Ranger District for trail updates.

**Highlights:** ■ Views of Isabelle and Fair Glaciers ■ Incredible scenery ■ Super views ■ Great wildflowers ■ Varied terrain ■ Views of Pawnee Lake and Lake Granby at the Summit ■ Lake Isabelle

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