



SOUTH CHICAGO CREEK

DAY HIKE

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.

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Location: Mt. Evans Wilderness
Arapaho National Forest
W. of Echo Lake

Contact Info: Clear Creek Ranger District
303-567-4382
www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 1.43 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.

Season: Mid May to Mid September

Elevation Gain: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Users: Hikers

Dogs: On hand-held leash

Permits: Free use Wilderness Permit at the trailhead

Getting There: Take 1-70 to Idaho Springs. Turn left (south) onto CO Highway 103 for apx. 8.5 miles to the Heffernan Gulch Road (#247). Drive apx. 1.2 miles to the end of road. Park on the right at this side road with a stop sign and a dead end sign.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated #104E and or the Georgetown and Idaho Springs USGS 7.5 topographic maps. **IMPORTANT:** Stay found with the aid of a topographic map, compass, GPS receiver and the skill to use them.

Safety Considerations and Supplemental Info: ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning ■ Prepare for mosquitoes from May through September

Trail Description: The trail is well established as it climbs through forested terrain. After 1-2 miles you will begin to see meadows bordering South Chicago Creek on your right. Hike as far as you like as the trail dissipates above tree line. Spectacular views of high peaks from here. Watch for remnants of old mining camps on the trail just below timberline. **TIP:** Contact the Idaho Springs Visitor Center (303-567-4382) for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Wet basin with interesting terrain ■ Pretty trail through dense forest to timberline ■ Alpine wildflowers ■ Mushrooms in the Fall ■ Access to Climb Grey Wolf Peak

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