



## BURNING BEAR

## DAY HIKE

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

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**Location:** Pike National Forest  
Off Guanella Pass Road  
Just before Abyss Trail #602

**Contact Info:** South Platte Ranger District  
303-275-5610  
[www.fs.fed.us/r2](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2)

**Length:** 5.25 miles one-way (estimate using the Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

**Time:** The average person hikes apx. 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. GPS drive time is approximately one hour and twenty minutes from the REI Flagship Store-Denver.

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

**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate

**Season:** Mid June through Mid October

**Trail Users:** Hikers, equestrians and cyclists

**Dogs:** Under owner's control

**Permits:** None required

**Getting There from Denver:** Take US Highway 285 to Grant. Turn right (north) onto Park County Road 62 (Guanella Pass Road). Proceed approximately 6 miles to the Burning Bear trailhead. The parking area is on your right. Do not confuse this trailhead with the Burning Bear Campground which is about 50 to 100 yards further north on Park County Road 62.

**Maps:** National Geographic Trails Illustrated map # 104E. **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:** ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning ■ Check [www.oriconline.org](http://www.oriconline.org) for fire restrictions ■ Prepare for mosquitoes from June through September

**Trail Description:** The trailhead is on the west side or opposite side of Park County Road 62 from the parking area. Follow Forest Development Trail # 601 alongside Geneva and then Burning Bear Creeks. Finally, you traverse a series of easy switchbacks to the trip's high point (10,780 feet). Return the way you came. This is a quiet valley hike with lodgepole pines as your companions. You never really come out of the valley so this is not a hike for the views. **TIP:** Contact the South Platte Ranger District for trail updates.

**Highlights:** ■ A gentle trail which passes through beautiful forests and meadows. You follow bucolic creek drainages until the upper reaches of the trail. ■ Good aspen hike ■ Stately lodgepole pines ■ Log cabin remains

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