



MONARCH LAKE

WINTER TRAIL

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.
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Location: Arapaho Nat'l Rec Area
Northwest of Granby
East end of Lake Granby

Contact Info: Sulphur Ranger District
970-887-4100
www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 5.52 mile loop (est. mileage rounded to the nearest ¼ mile)

Time: The average person snowshoes apx.1 mile an hour. Adjust your time +/- based on terrain, snow conditions, wind speed, your skill and fitness levels and whether you are snowshoeing, skiing or hiking.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Moderate

Activities: Snowshoeing and skiing (snowmobiling is prohibited)

Season: December through March (Check www.oriconline.org for snow depths and avalanche conditions)

Dogs permitted: On leash

Permits: Entrance fee required to enter the Arapaho National Recreation Area. Remit payment at self-service pay stations.

From Denver: I-70 West to Exit 234. Get off at this Exit and take US Highway 40 west to Granby. From Granby go West on US 34 5.4 miles and turn right onto unpaved Grand County Rd # 6. Follow this road 8.6 miles along the south shore of Lake Granby and park at the Arapaho Bay Campground entrance.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated Map #102W and or Monarch Lake USGS 7.5 topographic map. **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: ■ Dress appropriately for winter conditions ■ Plan for shorter days in this season

Trail Description: This loop is composed of Forest Development Trails 1, 6.1 and 6. Work your way around the winter closure gate and hike approximately ¾ of a mile up the road to the large Monarch Lake summer parking lot. Pass a seasonal ranger cabin on your right. You can go around the lake either clockwise (straight ahead) or counterclockwise (to the right and across a dam). **TIP:** Contact the Sulphur Ranger District for trail updates and snow conditions.

Highlights: ■ You will be in view of Monarch Lake for most of this trip. ■ At the east end of the lake you will have good views of the high peaks of the Indian Peaks Wilderness ■ Pristine forest ■ Historic cabins ■ Chance of seeing moose feasting on the nearby willows

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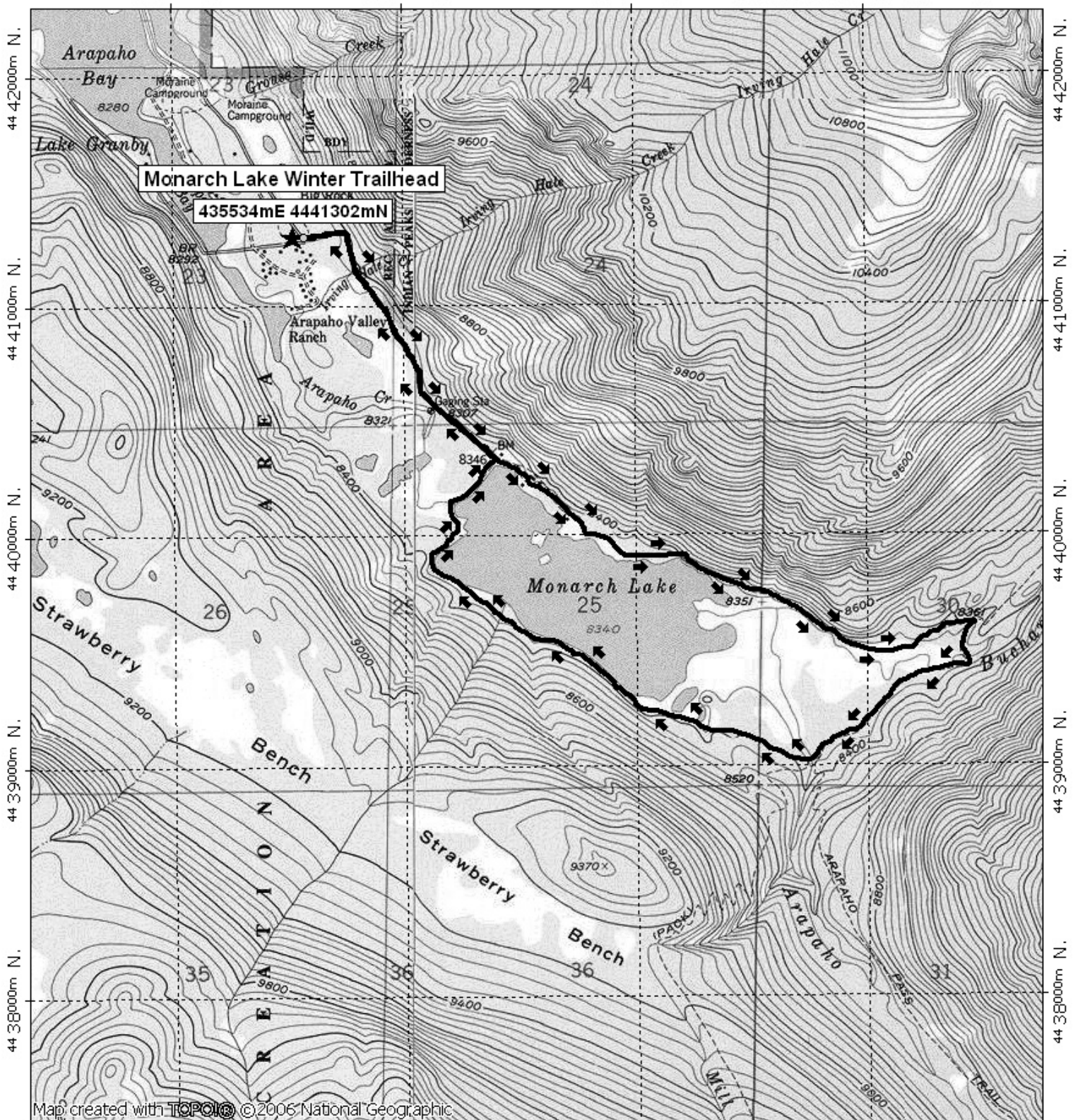
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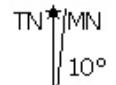
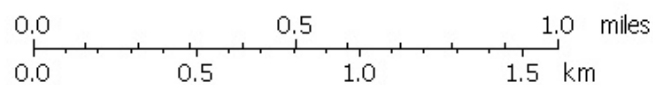
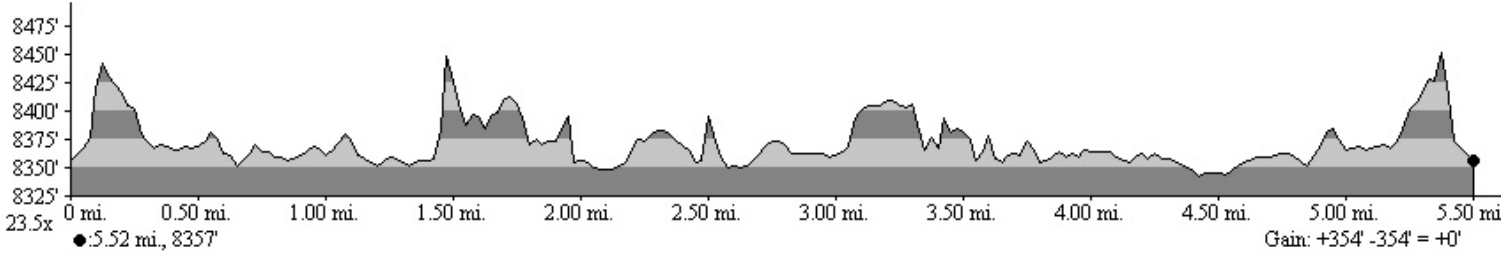
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