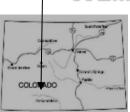
WEMINUCHE PASS TO THE WINDOW



BACKPACKING TRIP

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

Location: Weminuche Wilderness

Hinsdale County

Contact Info: Columbine Ranger District

Rio Grande National Forest

970-884-2512 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 26.77 mile loop (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: 3 day, 4 night backpack with the option of staying longer. The avg. person hikes apx. 2 miles an hour. Adjust your time based on terrain, trail and weather

conditions and your skill and fitness level.

Elevation Gain/Loss: See trail profile on reverse side

Difficulty: Strenuous

Season: Mid June through September **Trail Users:** Hikers, backpackers and elk

Dogs: Under owner's control

Permits: Free use permit at the trailhead

Getting There from Denver: From Creede drive southwest on Colorado Highway 149 for 19.5 miles. Turn left (south) onto Rio Grande Reservoir Road, also known as, Forest Road 520. It's paved in the beginning, but after .5 mile the road surface turns to maintained gravel. Drive another 11.1 miles and make another left (south) at the signed junction for Thirtymile Campground and the Weminuche and Squaw Creek trailheads. Keep right upon entering the area, reaching a parking area in .2 mile.

Maps: NG Trails Illustrated #140W, Weminuche Pass and Rio Grande Pyramid USGS 7.5 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: ■ Watch for rapidly deteriorating weather conditions to include thunderstorms and lightening ■ Treat water drawn from sources along the trail ■ Challenging stream crossings in the Spring and early Summer ■ Check www.oriconline.org for fire restrictions

Prepare for mosquitoes from July thru September

Trail Description: West on Weminuche Trail #818. Right on Continental Divide Trail (CDT) #813. Left on Rincon La Osa Trail #525. Left on Pine Rim Trail #523. CDT Trail #813. Straight on Weminuche Trail #813.

Highlights: ■ Continental Divide ■ The Window ■ Rio Grande Pyramid **Features:** ■ Old cabin remains ■ Bridge crossings ■ Spruce & Aspen Forest ■ Lush meadows ■ Wildflowers ■ Grand views ■ Unspeakable beauty

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