BOWEN LAKE & CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL



BACKPACKING LOOP

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

Contact Info: Sulphur Ranger District

Location: Never Summer Wilderness

Roosevelt National Forest Grand County

970-887-4100 www.fs.fed.us/r2

Length: 13.05 mile loop (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: Two night backpack with options for a longer stay. The average person hikes at a speed of 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: Moderate to strenuous

Season: Early July through September

Trail Users: Hikers, stock animals and wildlife

Dogs permitted: Under owner's control

Permits: Free use permit available at the trailhead

Getting There From Denver: Take Interstate 70 west to U.S. Hwy 40 (exit 233). Take U.S. Hwy 40 to Granby. Turn right, onto U.S. Hwy 34 just past Granby. Turn left onto Grand County Rd 4 (Stillwater Pass Rd) between mile markers 9 & 10 at the north end of Lake Granby. Follow this road apx. 4.5 miles to the junction with Forest Road #120, (Kawuneeche Rd). Turn right onto the Kawuneeche Rd and take it apx. 9 miles to the North Supply Trailhead. The Trailhead has space for apx. 10 vehicles.

Maps: NG Trails Illustrated #200S and or Bowen Mountain, Mount Richthofen & Grand Lake 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: ■ Be prepared for afternoon thunderstorms and lightening ■ Filter water drawn from sources along the trail ■ Be prepared for high water crossings in the Spring ■ Check <u>www.oriconline.org</u> for fire restrictions ■ Take mosquito repellant from Jul-Sept

Trail Description: From the North Supply Trailhead take the Blue Ridge Trail to it's junction with the Bowen Lake Trail. Take the Bowen Lake Trail to Bowen Lake for your first night's stay. Backtrack to the junction and take the Continental Divide Trail North to Bowen Pass. Head South on the Bowen Pass Trail to it's junction with the Bowen Lake Trail. Take the Bowen Lake Trail South to it's junction with the Blue Ridge Trail. Follow the Blue Ridge Trail to the North Supply Trailhead. **TIP:** Contact the Sulphur Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ Alpine serenity ■ Moose habitat ■ Good fishing ■ Views of and from the Continental Divide ■ Wildflowers ■ Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep viewing ■ Views of the Cloud Range: Mt. Stratus, Mt. Nimbus and Mt. Cumulus

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