

# CRAIG MEADOWS

## BACKPACKING TRIP

**FYI:** The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.  
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**Location:** Lost Creek Wilderness  
Pike National Forest  
Near town of Bailey

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

**Length:** 7.18 miles one-way (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

**Time:** Overnight backpack with options for a longer stay. The average 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:** Moderate to strenuous

**Trail Users:** Hikers and equestrians

**Season:** May through November

**Dogs:** On hand-held leash

**Permits:** None required

**Getting There From Denver:** US Highway 285 to Bailey. Turn left onto Park County Road 64 ( ¼ mile west of Park County Road 68) and follow it west to the Payne Creek/Brookside Trailhead.

**Maps:** National Geographic Trails Illustrated #105E map. **IMPORTANT HINT:** 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 lightening ■ Check [www.oriconline.org](http://www.oriconline.org) for fire restrictions ■ Be prepared for mosquitoes from May through September

**The Trail:** Start this adventure on the Brookside-McCurdy Trail #607. Follow the trail to a T-junction next to a creek. Turn left (southeast) at the T-junction (Payne Creek Trail #637) and follow the ridge to the high point. Then descend to Craig Meadows and your camping destination. **TIP:** Contact the South Platte Ranger District for trail updates.

**Highlights:** ■ Beautiful wilderness location in proximity to Denver ■ Large stands of aspens at the high point ■ Scenic meadow with beaver ponds ■ Great fishing at Craig Meadows

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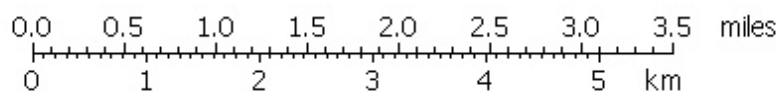
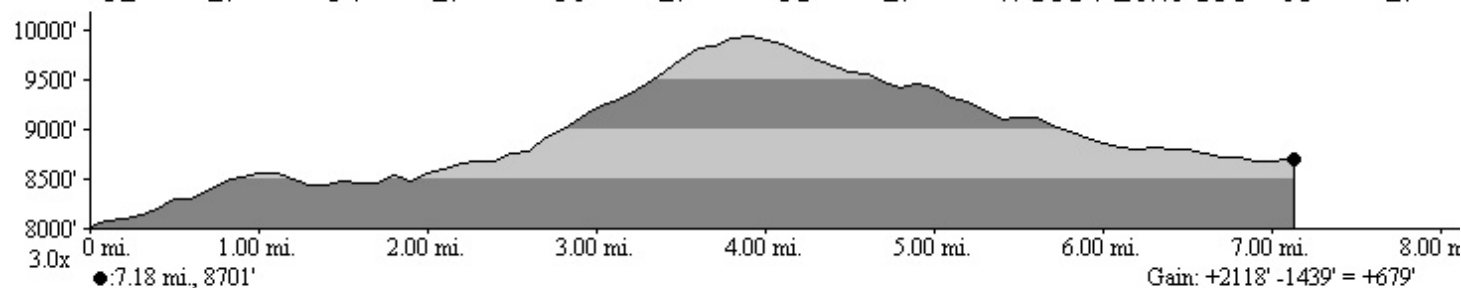
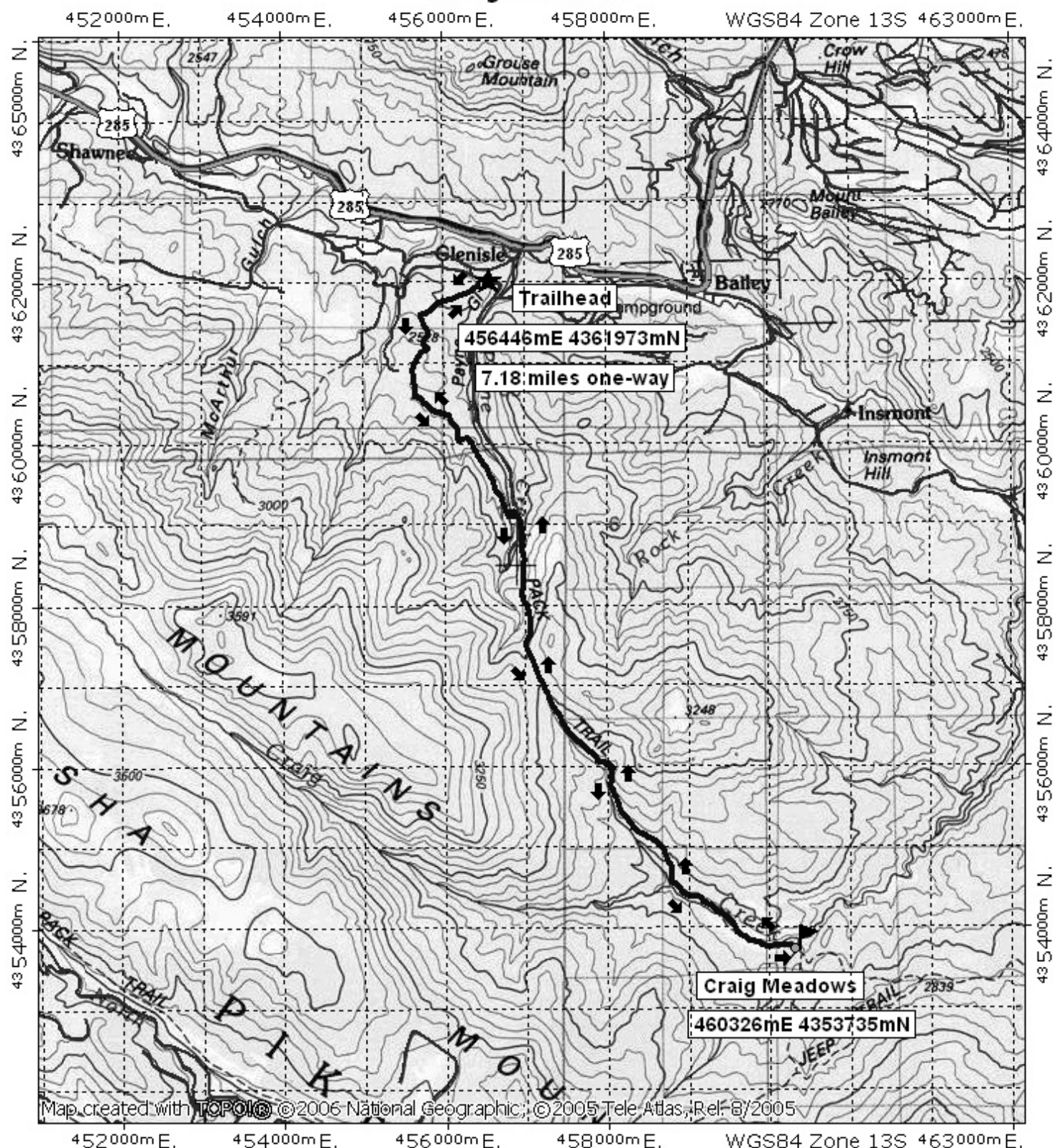
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