



HORSESHOE LAKE

BACKPACKING TRIP

FYI: The map on the reverse side is for general orientation, not for navigation.
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Location: Byer's Peak Wilderness
Arapaho National Forest
Grand County

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

Length: 3.13 miles one-way (estimate using Nat'l Geo Mapping Software)

Time: Overnight backpack. 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

Season: Late July through September

Trail Users: Hikers and wildlife

Dogs: Under owner's control

Permits: None required

Getting There From Denver: Take I-70 west to Silverthorne. Turn right at Exit 205 onto State Highway 9. Follow State Highway 9 north to the turn-off for the Ute Pass Road (also known as Grand County Road 15). Take Grand County Road 15 east to the turn-off for the Williams Fork Dam Road (also known as Forest Road 138 or Grand County Road 3). Turn right here and then left on the Kinney Creek Road (also known as Forest Road 141) and follow it to the Kinney Creek Trailhead.

Maps: National Geographic Trails Illustrated #103W & 107E, Latitude 40° Summit County Trails and or Ute Peak and Byers Peak 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: ■ Afternoon thunderstorms and lightning ■ Check www.oriconline.org for fire restrictions ■ Be prepared for mosquitoes from July through September

Trail Description: Trail follows Kinney Creek through evergreens to the lake. Turn right off of Kinney Creek Trail #22 on to Horseshoe Trail #23 to the lake. Steady elevation gain to the lake. **TIP:** Contact the Sulphur Ranger District for trail updates.

Highlights: ■ The lake is isolated and beautiful ■ Bill's Peak & Byer's Peak rise nearly 1,000 above the lake ■ The wildflowers are great in July ■ Pass through dense and fragrant forest ■ Scenic vistas ■ Great fishing ■ Pristine meadows ■ Alpine cirque above lake



