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## **Bright Trail #921 & Bright Extension Trail #827**

**Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

**Trail Use:** Low to Moderate

**Length:** Bright Trail Trailhead (TH) to: North Saint Vrain Creek - 1.7 miles; Creek to Johnny Park Road on the Bright Extension Trail - 1.8 miles. DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

**Elevation:** 8,700 feet at southern terminus; 7,320 feet at North Saint Vrain Creek; 8,350 feet at northern terminus.

**Open To:** Hiking

### **Access**

- *Bright Trail:* From Allenspark, travel three miles south on Colorado Highway 7. Turn northeast onto Taylor Mountain Road (also signed for Pine Valley Subdivision). Stay on the main gravel road for 0.7 miles as it passes through a subdivision. After crossing a cattle guard, the road degrades to four-wheel-drive for one mile to the Bright TH.
- *Bright Trail Extension:* From Meeker Park, follow the "Forest Access" sign by turning onto the gravel Cabin Creek road, Country Road (CR) 82. At 1.1 miles, continue straight on the gravel Elk Park Road, CR 82E. Continue 2.2 miles east to the Johnny Park Road (National Forest System Road 118). The TH is 2.2 miles east on the 4WD Johnny Park Road, and can be difficult to spot.

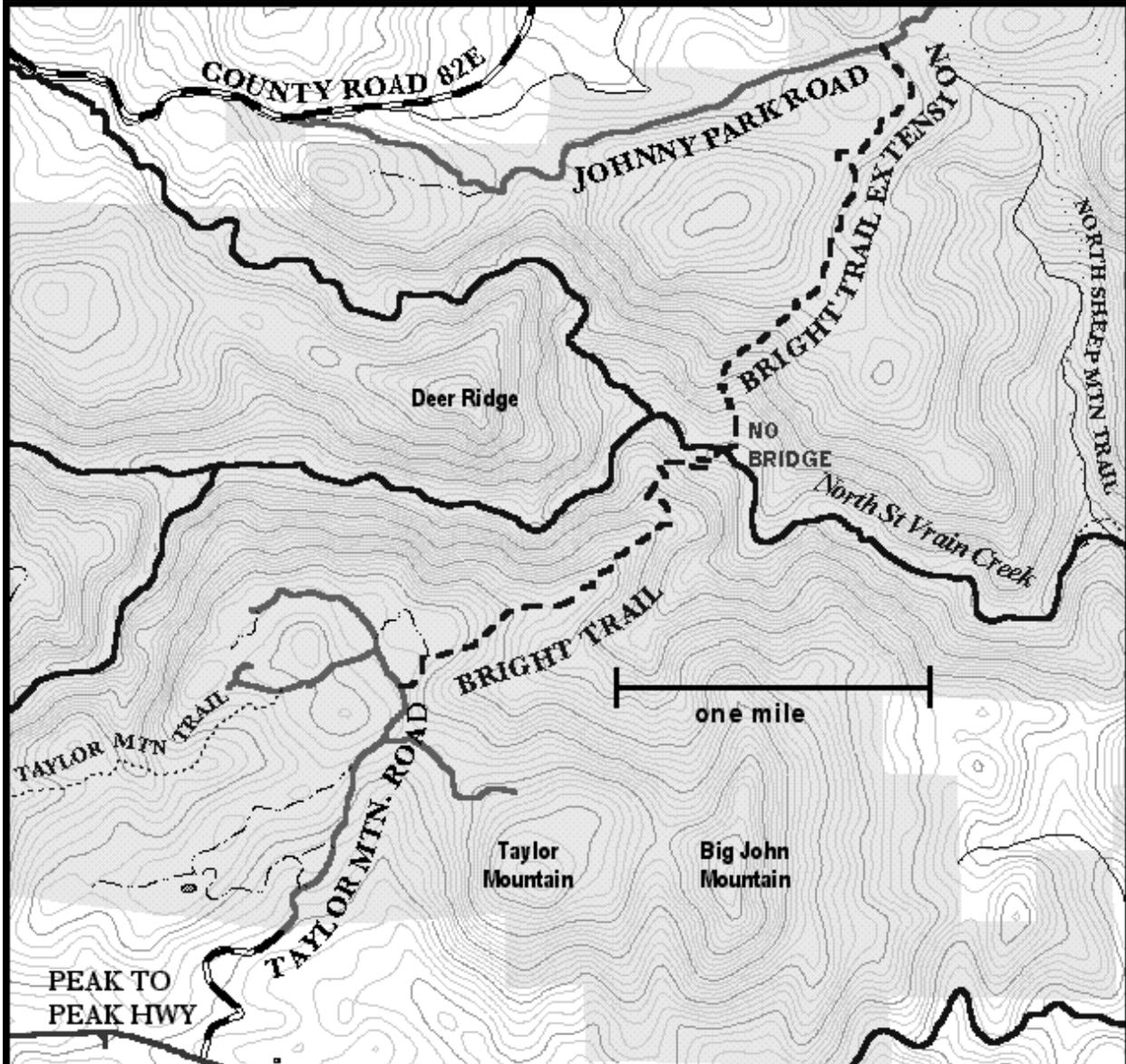
### **Trail Highlights**

- Bright Trail #921 begins on a high, relatively level hilltop, and drops down the wooded north-facing slope into the North Saint Vrain Creek canyon. This drop is fairly steep with an elevation change of 1,400 feet in 1.7 miles from trailhead to North Saint Vrain Creek.
- Bright Extension Trail #827 begins on Johnny Park Road and drops gently across the wooded plateau for the first mile. The trail then descends steeply down a dry drainage on an open south-facing slope, which can be a very hot climb back out on a summer afternoon.

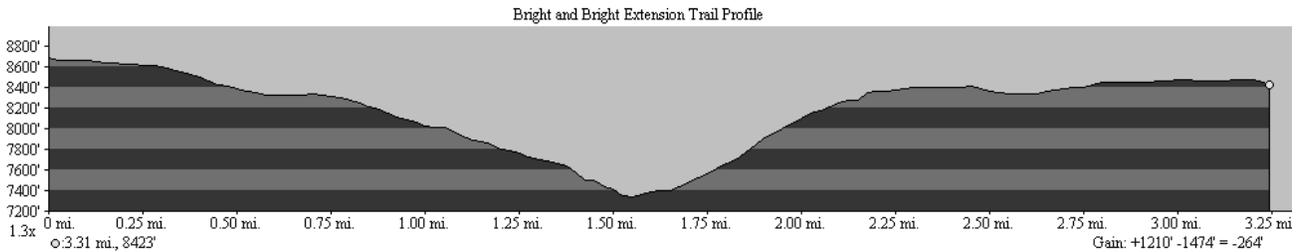
### **Important Information**

- There is no bridge across the North Saint Vrain Creek. Crossings should not be attempted during spring runoff and other high water events.
- Dispersed camping is allowed in this area and no permit is required. Please camp at least 200 feet from the trail and creek.
- Portions of this trail are located within the North Saint Vrain Research Natural Area: an area of National Forest specially designated, permanently protected and maintained in natural condition.

# Trail Map & Profile



This map is intended as a general guide only and not for actual land navigation.



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