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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan
RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine

Date: February 2003



JONES CREEK TRAIL #518

Length: 3.25 miles (5.1 km.)

Recommended Season

Use: Light

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS Map (s) Hermosa and Electra

Starting Elevation: 7,600'
Lower Hermosa Rd

Ending Elevation: 9,300'
Pinkerton-Flagstaff Trail

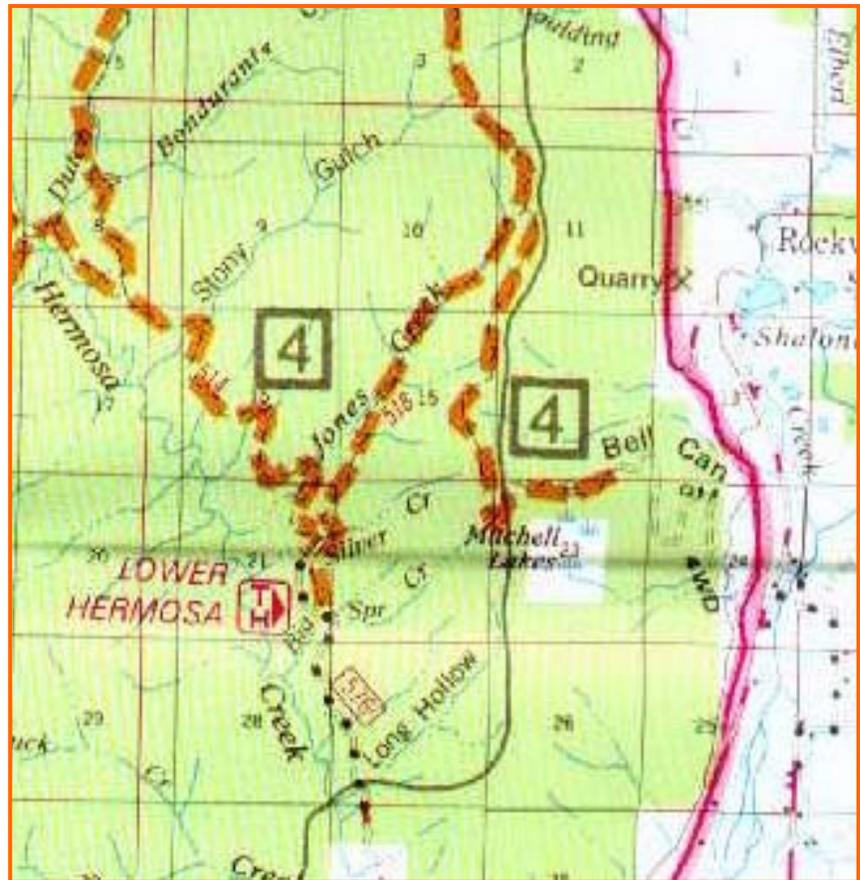
Recommended Season:
Spring/Summer/Fall

Access # 1: Take Hwy. 550 north from Durango 10 miles to Hermosa. Turn west on CR 201 and keep to the right. The road will become FDR #576. Follow it for about 3 miles. The trailhead is on the north side of the road, where you will find adequate parking.

Access # 2 : South portion of Pinkerton-Flagstaff Trail.

Attractions & Considerations:
The Jones Creek Trail has beautiful views of the La Platas seen through tall aspen forests. Attractive meadows provide plenty of feed for horses and good campsites with easy access to the creek. The trail winds up through various transitional zones, starting in the big ponderosas, at the upper limit of the oak brush, and ending in the aspen and spruce. This is an enjoyable variety of sights within a fairly short distance.

Spring Summer Fall Winter



Scan of the San Juan National Forest Map
Forest Service maps and other publications are available at the Public Lands Center, in the Durango Tech Center, ½ mile west of Durango off Highway 160; or by calling (970) 247-4874.
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