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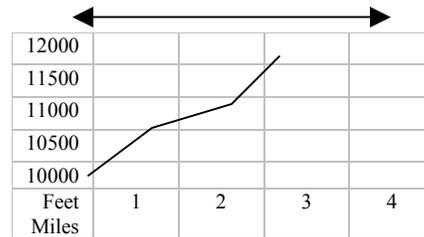
SLIDEROCK TRAIL #622

Length: 2.2 miles (3.8 km.)

Use: Moderate

Recommended Season

Spring Summer Fall Winter



Difficulty: More difficult

USGS Map (s) La Plata and
Monument Hill

Starting Elevation: 10,400'
Upper Junction Creek

Ending Elevation: 11,800'
Kennebec Pass

Recommended Season: Summer/Fall

Access # 1 Turn west on 25th St. in Durango. Stay on 25th until it turns into Junction Creek Rd. and continue to follow it 3 miles, until it crosses the cattle guard and turns into dirt. Follow this road (FDR #171) for about 17.5 miles. Take FDR #171 north to the Champion Venture Rd. and go 0.7 miles to where the trail crosses the road. Limited parking is available.

Access #2: Drive west on U.S. 160 from Durango for 15 miles to the La Plata Canyon turn-off, FDR #571. Follow this road for 14 miles to Kennebec Pass. 4WD with good clearance is needed for the last section of the road. Ample parking is available at the trailhead.



Attractions & Considerations The Sliderock Trail is a small portion of the Colorado Trail. This trail offers excellent views and photographic opportunities, especially on Kennebec Pass. A consideration is the exposure on this trail, especially in the areas at or above timberline. High-country storms can move in quickly, so be prepared for inclement weather. No water is available on this trail. The first section of trail climbs up several switchbacks, then eases around the ridge. The trail then breaks out of the timber and cuts upward across a talus field.

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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