



HIKING

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

**NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan
RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine**

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**SAN JUAN
MOUNTAINS
ASSOCIATION**

SPUD LAKE TRAIL #661

Length: 1 mile (0.62 km.)

Use: Heavy

Recommended Season



Difficulty: Easy

USGS Map (s): Engineer Mountain

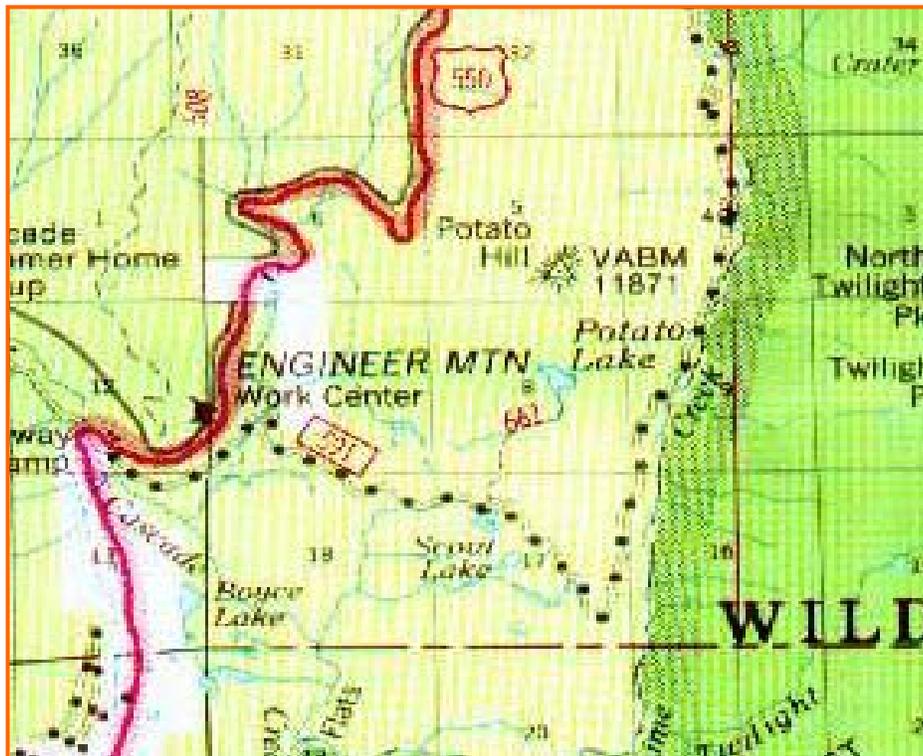
Starting Elevation: 9,400'
Old Lime Creek Road

Ending Elevation: 9,800'
Potato Lake

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Feet	.5	1	2
Miles			

Recommended Season: Spring/Summer/Fall

Access # 1: On Hwy. 550 drive about 28 miles north of Durango and turn east on Old Lime Creek Road (FDR 591). Follow this dirt road some 3½ miles until you come to a fairly big, marshy lake covered with lily pads. The trailhead is just around the corner on the left, with plenty of parking spots.



Attractions & Considerations :

This trail is short and easy. Passing through aspen glades, it offers excellent views of Engineer Mountain, Grayrock Peak, and Spud Mountain, along with good views of the Needle Mountains to the east. The lake has excellent fishing and a pleasant place to relax. This is a great summer hike for all ages, and the aspen leaves during the fall can be spectacular.

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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