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FOREST SERVICE

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan
RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine

Date: February, 2003



WHITEHEAD TRAIL #674

Length: 4.0 miles (6.4 km.)

Use: Light

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS Map (s): Howardsville, Silverton,
Storm King

Starting Elevation: 12,800'

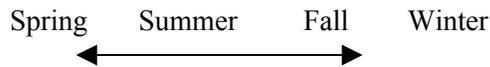
Continental Divide

Ending Elevation: 11,600'

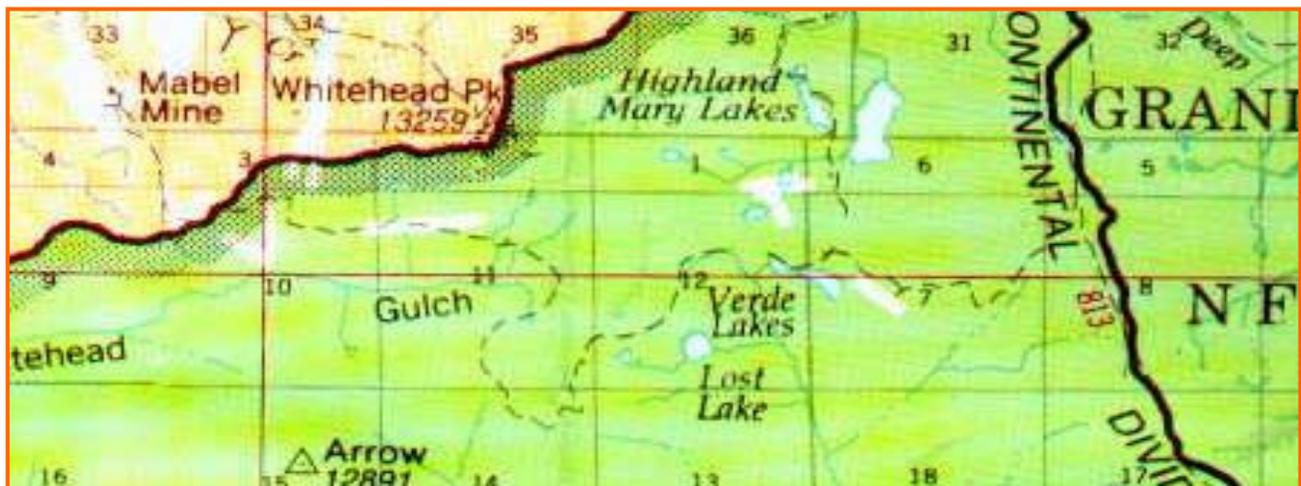
Mabel Mine (Deer Park)

Recommended Season: Spring, Summer, Fall

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Feet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Miles							



Access #1: Access the lower end of this trail via Kendall Mtn. Road from Silverton. (Follow U.S. 550 from Durango to Silverton and turn off 550 onto Green Street in Silverton. Follow to 14th and turn onto 14th, following the road eastward across the bridge. This road is the Kendall Mtn. Road.) About 2 ½ miles up the road, it splits, with one road heading to Kendall Peak and one going to Deer Park. Take the Deer Park road (the right fork). The trailhead on the road is about 1 mile from the fork in the road. Parking is limited, and 4WD with clearance is strongly recommended.

Scan of the San Juan National Forest Map
Forest Service Maps and other publications available at the Public Lands Center in the Durango Tech Center, ½ mile west of Durango off of Highway 160 or by calling 970-247-4874. www.sjma.org

Access #2: This trail can be reached from the Highland Mary Lakes Trail and from the Deer Park Trail. Please see their descriptions for a complete listing of access points for these trails.

Access #3: This trail can be accessed from the Continental Divide Trail.

Attractions & Considerations : Parts of this trail are hard to follow. Most of the trail is above timberline, so navigation with a compass is best. The alpine meadows are full of blooming wildflowers in late July and August. Water is abundant, but should be purified due to problems with Giardia. As with all high-altitude areas, storms can move in rapidly, bringing severe lightning and rain, snow, and/or hail. Plan accordingly and please tread lightly.



Weminuche Wilderness Regulations: Group size is limited to 15 people. The combination of people and livestock must not exceed 25. All livestock feed must be certified weed free. Camping is not allowed within 100 feet of any water source unless the campsite is designated or posted. Do not leave campfires unattended. Outfitter-guides who receive any form of compensation must obtain a special-use permit to operate on public land. Dogs must be leashed or under voice control at all

times and must not disturb people or wildlife. Shortcutting switchbacks on trails is prohibited. Disposal of human waste and gray water within 100 feet of any water source is prohibited. Trash must be packed out and properly disposed of. Cutting or damaging live trees is prohibited. **Please check trailhead signs or Forest Service Offices for site-specific regulations on camping, campfires, and livestock.**