

Hiking

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SILVER CREEK PASS TRAIL, #1959 IN MAROON BELLS/SNOWMASS WILDERNESS

Length: 8.2/13.1 mi/km
Elevation Gain: 1,600 ft. at highest
Beginning Elev: 10,800 ft.
USGS Map(s): Snowmass Mtn.

Difficulty: moderate
Use: light
End Elev: 10,800, 12,400 ft. at highest

ACCESS: Travel south on Hwy 133 25 miles from Carbondale to the town of Marble. Travel through Marble, past Beaver Lake approximately 1 mile to the road junction. Take road #315 to the left about 3 1/2 miles. as the road starts to descend you will see a steep road to the left before the stream. Take the left turn to the trailhead for a short distance. The road from Marble is 4WD and dangerously slippery when wet.

NARRATIVE: This lightly used trail varies from easy to fairly steep in some areas and consists of a few loose, rocky stretches. The majority of the trail affords an excellent view of the encompassing mountains and the East Fork valley. The north side of the pass is a bit vague, but the cairns can be found to help pick out the trail. Water is available along most of the trail, but treat or filter before drinking. The trail ends at its junction with the Avalanche Creek trail.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Wilderness areas are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not a renewable resource. Any careless act can upset this natural balance and result in destruction. By following these ethics and regulations you can help protect and preserve the natural features of the Wilderness for future visits. **Please respect the land and rights of others!**

- **BEAR CANISTERS REQUIRED** for all overnight visitors. Approved bear canisters must be capable of holding all scented items (food, toiletries, dog food, garbage, etc.) and should be stored on the ground, out of sight and no less than 100 ft. away from any camp.
- **DOGS MUST BE LEASHED** out of consideration for others and wildlife
- Trash - **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
- Limit group sizes to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals.
- **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 - 8 inches in the soil.
- No fires above 10,800 ft. Lightweight campstoves are recommended
- Camp 100 feet from water and trails, and use existing sites when possible.
- Do not wash or bathe in lakes or streams. Use biodegradable soap far from water source.
- Stay on trail and do not shortcut switchbacks, which cause erosion.