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Beaver Creek Trail #911

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Extremely Heavy to Moderate

Length: Mitchell Lake Trailhead (TH) to Mount Audubon Trail - 1.7; Coney Flats TH - 5.1 miles; to Buchanan Pass Trail - 6.9 miles. DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

Elevation: 10,460 feet at Mitchell Lake TH; 11,250 feet at Beaver Creek Trail intersection with Mount Audubon Trail; 9,800 feet at Coney Flats TH

Open To: Hiking in groups of 12 or less (pets must be on leash at all times)

Access:

- *Mitchell Lake TH* – From Nederland, drive 13 miles north on Colorado Highway 72 to the town of Ward. Look for a sign for the Brainard Lake Recreation Area and turn west onto County Road (CR) 102. Travel to the fee station and past Brainard Lake. A signed side-road leads to the Mitchell Lake TH parking area. The Beaver Creek Trail begins on the north side of this lot.
- *Coney Flats TH* – From Ward, continue north 2.5 miles and turn west onto CR 96. Two miles on a well-maintained gravel road will take you to the private Beaver Reservoir. Limited parking is available on the north side of Beaver Reservoir where National Forest System Road (NFSR) 507 begins. This road is also known as the Coney Flats Road and is a 4WD EXTREME route for experienced drivers only.

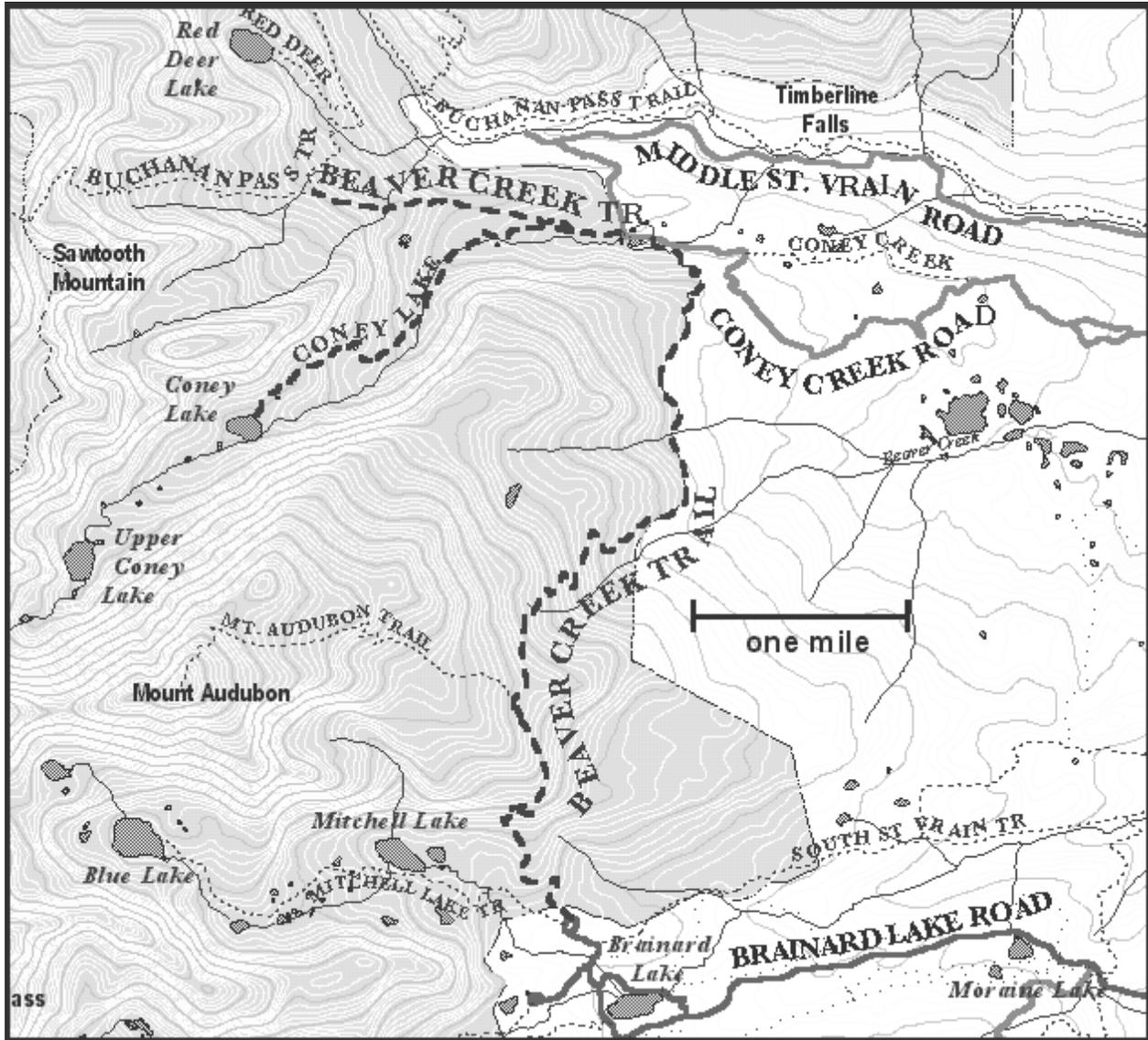
Trail Highlights:

- From the Mitchell Lake TH, the Beaver Creek Trail #911 climbs into the Indian Peaks Wilderness. After a few switchbacks, the trail circles the ridge and intersects with the Mount Audubon Trail #913. The Beaver Creek Trail continues northward for 3.4 miles, descends the northeastern flank of the mountain on a nice graded trail, and drops into Coney Flats.
- From the Coney Flats TH, the Beaver Creek Trail heads both west and south. The westward leg begins on the west side of Coney Creek and takes you into the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Junctions for the Coney Lake Trail #914 and Buchanan Pass Trail #910 are within a few miles. The southward leg of the trail is described in the previous section.

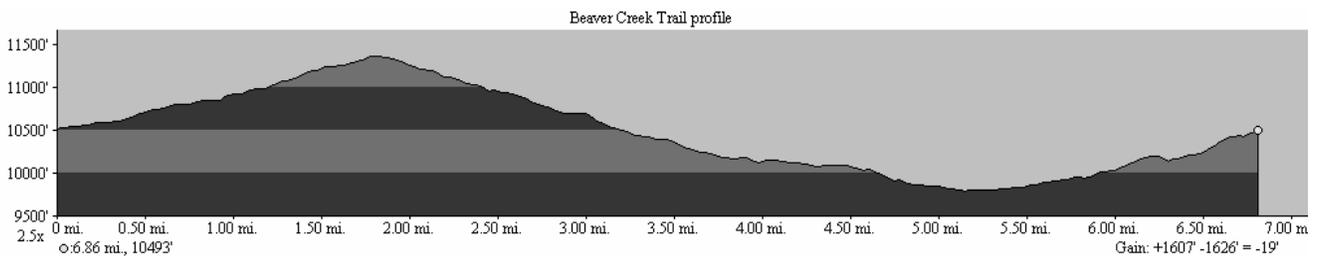
Important Information:

- CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED. PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR OVERNIGHT STAYS INSIDE THE INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS FROM JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 15. CAMPING IS NOT PERMISSABLE ALONG SOME PORTIONS OF THIS TRAIL. Additional permit requirements exist for large and organized groups. Packstock restrictions apply.
- The Coney Flats and Brainard Lake Roads are open seasonally. During these months, a vehicle fee applies for trailheads located within the Brainard Lake Recreation Area.

Trail Map & Profile



This map is intended as a general guide only and not for actual land navigation.



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