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Mount Audubon Trail #913

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Trail Use: Heavy

Length: Mitchell Lake Trailhead (TH) to Mount Audubon - 3.8 miles. DISTANCE IS ONE-WAY.

Elevation: 10,500 feet at the Mitchell Lake TH, 11,340 feet at Beaver Creek/Mount Audubon Trail Intersection; 13,223 feet at the top of Mount Audubon.

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

Access:

- 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 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.

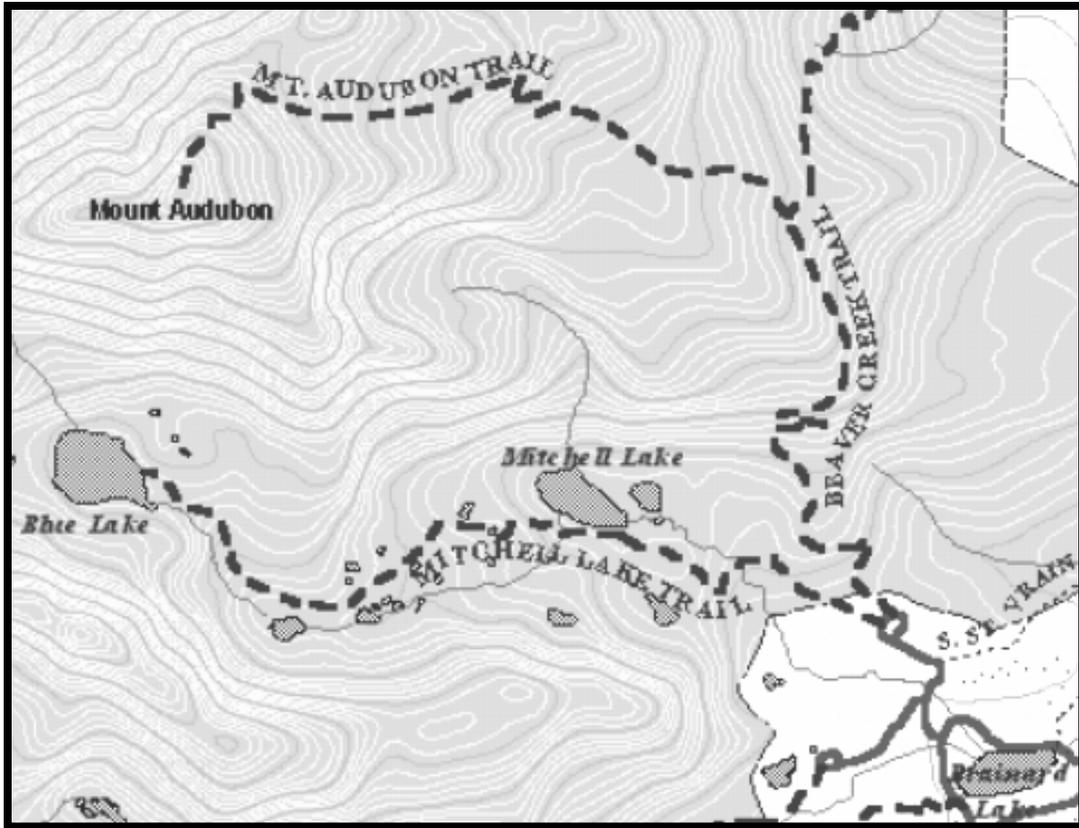
Trail Highlights:

- The Beaver Creek Trail enters the Indian Peaks Wilderness and climbs through the trees for 1.7 miles. Here, the Mount Audubon Trail turns left (west).
- Now above timberline, the Mount Audubon Trail continues to climb in a consistent manner with the exception of two somewhat steeper sections near the middle and end of the trail.
- The developed trail ends at the saddle where there is a view down into the Coney Lake drainage. For the final 0.5 miles and 600 vertical feet, follow the piles of rock (cairns) up the talus to the summit.

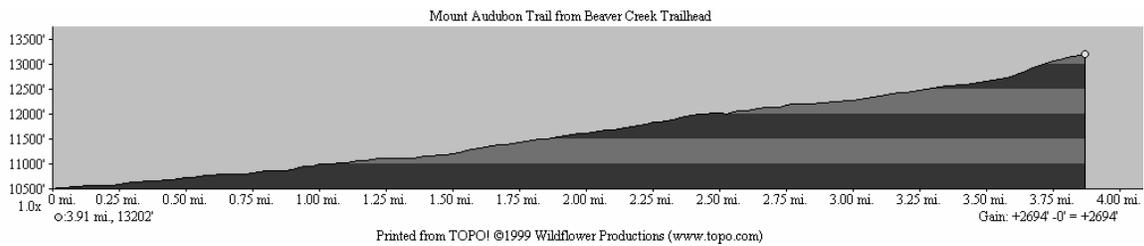
Important Information:

- It is best to get an early start. Lightning and thunderstorms are common in the early afternoon.
- CAMPFIRE ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- CAMPING IS ONLY PERMISSABLE IN THIS ZONE BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND APRIL 30. FROM MAY 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, THIS AREA IS DAY-USE ONLY. Additional permit requirements exist for large and organized groups. Packstock restrictions apply.
- The Brainard Lake Road is 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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