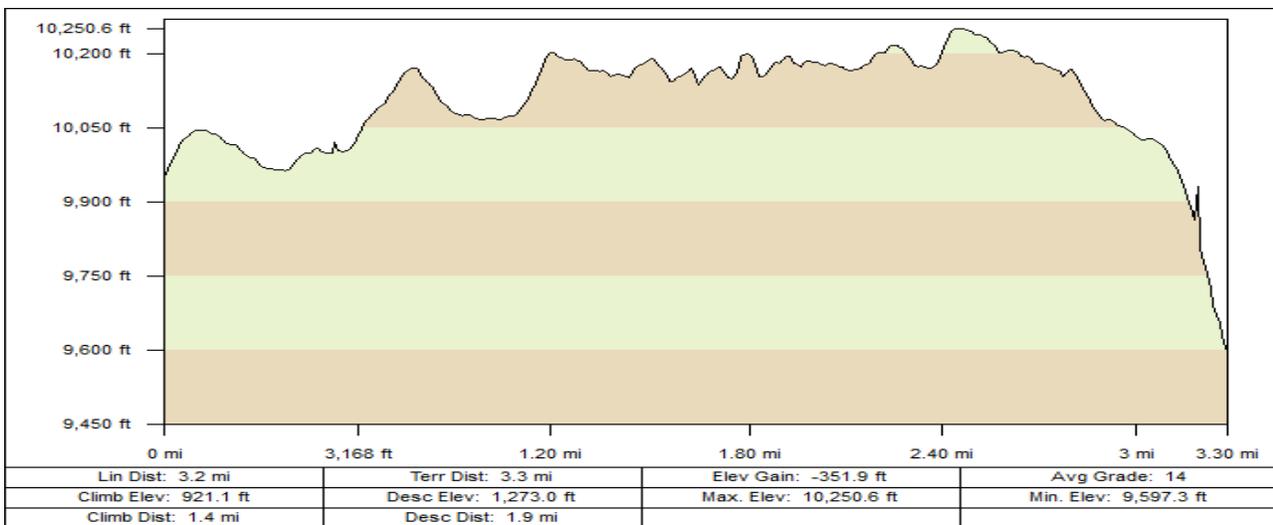




Beckwith Bench Trail #845

The Beckwith Bench Trail #845 starts just below Beckwith Pass and the West Elk Wilderness boundary at the intersection with the Cliff Creek Trail #840. It is a 3.2 mile trail with contours along the south side of East Beckwith. The trail begins with views of the Castles and winds through a mixture of open meadows and spruce-fir stands until it drops into an area of beaver ponds. It continues past the ponds, entering into an area of talus stone until it returns again to high meadows with small stands of timber. The trail dies out as the high meadows end and begin to transition down into the thick aspen stands on the back of the Beckwiths. The Beckwith Bench Trail offers great vistas of Storm ridge, the Castles and the deep drainages of Cliff Creek as well as the south face of East Beckwith Mountain.



Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, snowmobiling, and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Timber harvest and livestock grazing are both forms of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.

Trail Ethics:

The Beckwith Bench Trail is maintained for foot and horse travel. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



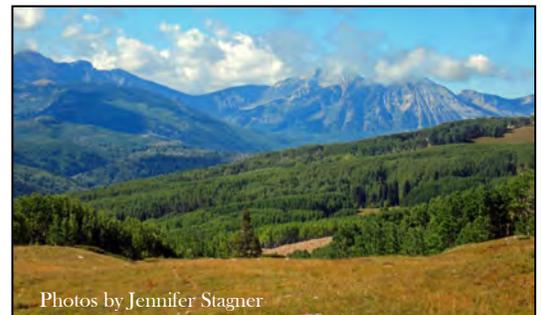
Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas requires more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you Pack it in-Pack it out!



Drinking Water:

DO NOT drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.



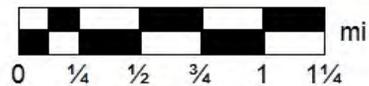
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