



## **BIG BLUE TRAIL #232 → 11 MILES ONE WAY**

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy to Moderate.

**SEASON OF USE:** June to October

**ELEVATION GAIN:** Trailhead is at 9,700'. Slide Lake is located at 10,400'. The Fall Creek trail intersection is located at 11,400', and the Ridgestock Driveway intersection is at 12,400'

**USGS MAPS:** Sheep Mountain, Uncompahgre Peak.

**ACCESS:** From Lake City, go north towards Gunnison on Highway 149. Travel 10 miles to the signed Alpine Plateau Access Road (#868). Turn left, travel past Alpine Plateau road junction and follow the signs to the Big Blue Campground, which is 12 miles from Highway 149. The Alpine Road is narrow, steep and has sharp curves. Trailers are not recommended.

**TRAILHEAD PARKING/CAMPING:** The trailhead is located just south of the Big Blue Campground. The trailhead is signed and registration is recommended. Parking is allowed at the trailhead, but camping is prohibited.

**ATTRACTIONS:** The Trail begins 0.5 miles south of the Big Blue Campground. Big Blue Trail is a major access route to the Uncompahgre Wilderness. The trail follows Big Blue Creek through Spruce-Fir forests, open parks, alpine tundra, and offers spectacular views of mountain peaks over 13,000'. Fishing in Big Blue Creek and Slide Lake is excellent. Slide Lake is 4.5 miles from the trailhead and receives heavy use.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** The trail is in the Uncompahgre Wilderness. Travel is by foot or horse only. Always be prepared for adverse weather including rain, hail, thundershowers and lightning. Be sure to wear sunscreen and bring plenty of drinking water. Do not drink water from mountain streams and lakes without treating it first. Be sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return.



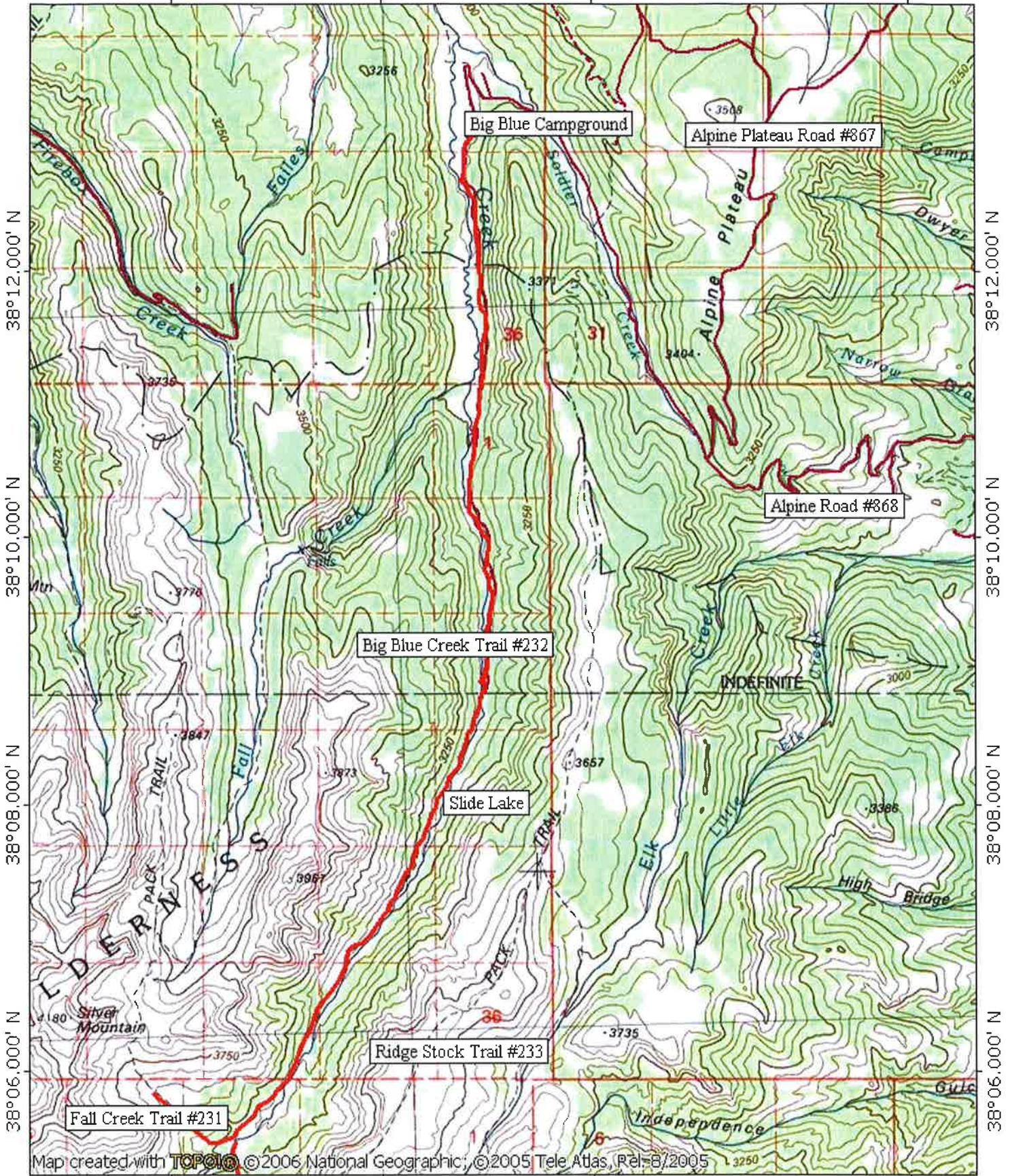
# Big Blue Creek Trail #232

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