



RIDGE STOCK DRIVEWAY TRAIL #233 → 21 MILES TO MATTERHORN CREEK TRAILHEAD

DIFFICULTY: Moderate to More Difficult

SEASON OF USE: Summer through Fall

ELEVATION: Trailhead beginning 10,700' and Matterhorn Creek Trailhead is at 11,200.

USGS MAP: Alpine Plateau and Uncompahgre Peak

ACCESS FROM ALPINE CORRALS: From Lake City, travel north toward Gunnison on Highway 149 to the Alpine Forest Access Road NFR #868. Take that road about 2 ½ miles past the Alpine Plateau Road turnoff. The trail begins across Soldier Creek from the corrals.

ACCESS FROM MATTERHORN CREEK: From Lake City, take the Engineer Pass Road along Henson Creek about 10 miles to Capitol City. At Capitol City, turn right on the North Henson road and continue about 2 ½ miles to Matterhorn Creek. The trailhead and parking area are signed.

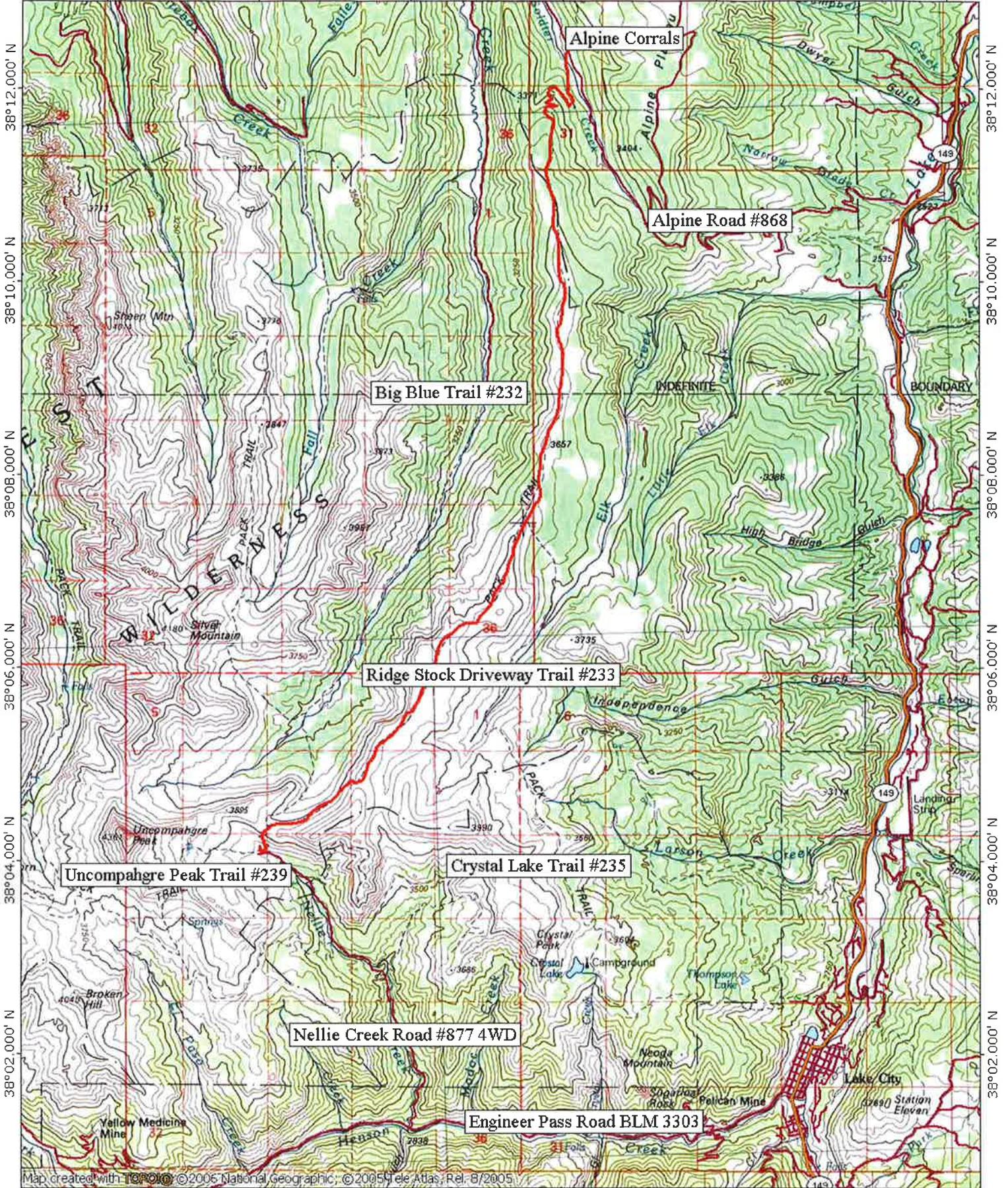
ATTRACTIONS: Main access route through Big Blue Wilderness. Matterhorn Creek Trailhead provides main access to Matterhorn (13,590 feet;; 4,143 m) and Wetterhorn Peaks (14,015 feet; 4,273 m) and an alternative access to Uncompahgre Peak (14,309 feet; 4,362 m). High elevation alpine tundra and spectacular views of peaks over 13,000 feet (3,963 m). The trail parallels the Ridge Stock Driveway with is used to move sheep up to the high country in early summer and down in the fall.

CONSIDERATIONS: Be sure to wear sunscreen and always be prepared for adverse weather including rain, hail, thundershowers, lightening, and snow. Hiking and horseback riding are the only forms of travel allowed in the Wilderness. Make sure you carry plenty of water to keep yourself hydrated. Do not drink untreated or unfiltered water from mountain water sources. Be sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return. Cell phone reception is limited at best and in many locations it is unavailable.



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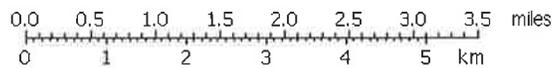
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