



CRYSTAL LAKE TRAIL # 235 → 8.3 MILES ONE WAY

DIFFICULTY: Difficult

SEASON OF USE: Summer through fall.

ELEVATION GAIN: Trailhead is at 8,800', Crystal Lake is at 11,760', intersection with Larson Lakes trail is at 12,000', and the intersection with Ridge Stock Driveway is at 11,840'.

USGS MAPS: Lake City and Uncompahgre Peak

ACCESS: From Lake City, travel $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north on Hwy 149 to the Balsam Road. Turn left onto this road that is signed with a brown and white Crystal/Larson Trailhead sign. The trailhead is located adjacent to the IOOF Cemetery and is marked with a Forest Service trailhead sign. It accesses two trails, the Crystal Lake Trail and the Larson Lakes Trail. If you have a two-wheel drive vehicle, park at the lower trailhead near the sign. Four-wheel drive vehicles can continue another 0.8 of a mile until you reach the Forest Service boundary. Private property is located on both sides of this road, so please stay on the road.

ATTRACTIONS: At the forest boundary, the Crystal Lake Trail is accessed by going left at the gate. This trail is an old jeep trail that has been closed to motor vehicles. It is a steep 3.5 miles to the lake. At the lake, there is an old cabin which can be used for shelter. Fishing at Crystal Lake is usually fair. The trail intersects with the Larson Lake Trail before it enters the Uncompahgre Wilderness. The trail continues through the wilderness where it terminates at the intersection with Ridge Stock Driveway #233.

CONSIDERATIONS: There is adequate parking for horse trailers at the lower trailhead. Please respect private property along the road. The Forest begins at the upper gate. Only foot and horse traffic is allowed in the Uncompahgre Wilderness. Always be prepared for adverse weather including rain, hail, thunder showers and lightening. Be sure to wear sunscreen and drink plenty of water.

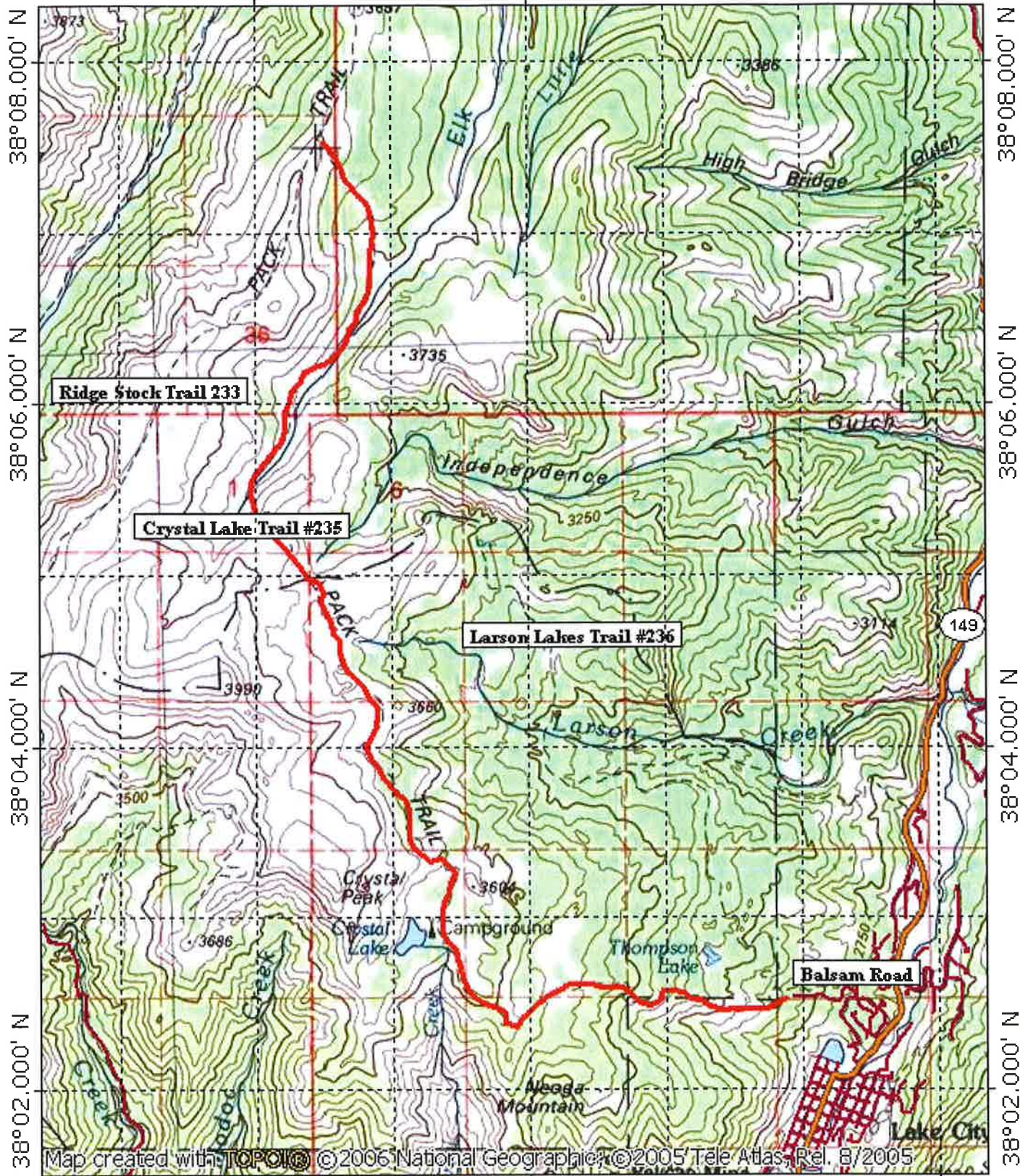


Crystal Lake Trail #235

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