



CATARACT CREEK TRAIL # 475 → 4.1 MILES ONE WAY

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

SEASON OF USE: Summer through fall.

ELEVATION GAIN: Trailhead is at 9,600'. Cataract Lake is at 12,000'. Intersection with La Garita Stock Driveway #787 at the Continental Divide is at 12,400'.

USGS MAP: Pole Creek Mountain, Redcloud Peak

ACCESS: From Lake City, take Highway 149 south 2 miles and turn right on the Cinnamon Pass Road toward Lake San Cristobal. Continue on the Cinnamon Pass Road to the Sherman town site fork, taking the left fork towards the historic town of Sherman. The trailhead is approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile after the turn and is marked by a sign.

ATTRACTIONS: This trail begins in the BLM's Handie's Peak Wilderness Study Area. The trail encounters several spectacular waterfalls before reaching Cataract Lake where fishing is reported to be good. Cataract Basin is a high alpine tundra area below the Continental Divide.

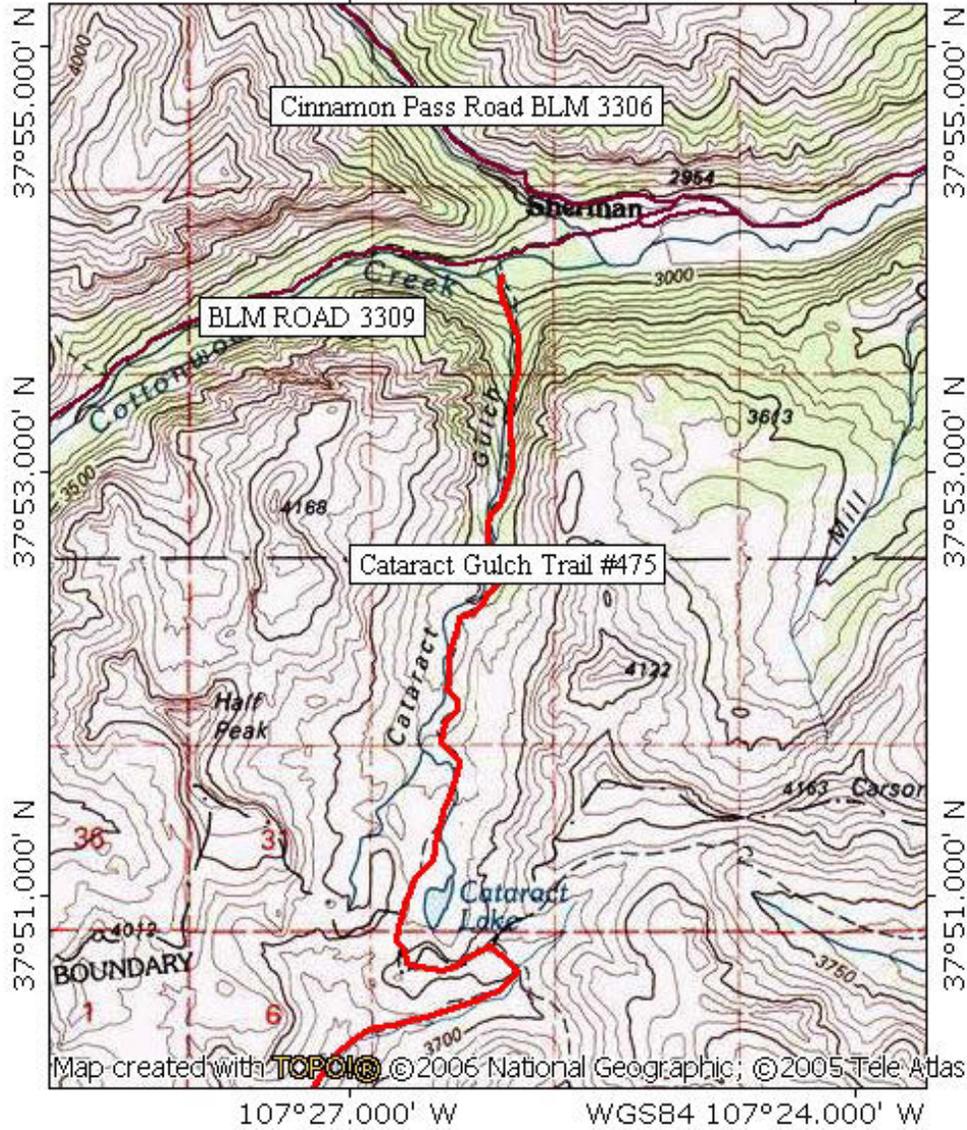
CONSIDERATIONS: Travel is by foot or horse only. Practice Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. Always be prepared for adverse weather including rain, hail, thundershowers and lightning. Be sure to wear sunscreen and bring plenty of drinking water. Do not drink from mountain streams and lakes without treating it first. Be sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return.



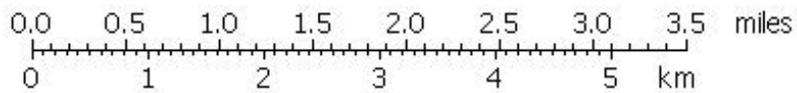
Cataract Gulch Trail #475

107°27.000' W

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