



## **FOSSIL RIDGE TRAIL # 478 → 13.5 MILES ONE WAY**

**DIFFICULTY:** Moderate

**SEASON OF USE:** Summer through fall.

**ELEVATION GAIN:** Gold Creek Trailhead is at 10,030', Boulder Lake is at 11,360', and the intersection with Beaver-McIntyre Trail is at 9,920'.

**USGS MAP:** Fairview Peak.

**ACCESS #1:** From Gunnison, take Highway 50 east to Parlin. Turn left and travel eight miles on county road 76 to Ohio City. Turn left on road 771 towards Comanche and Gold Creek Campgrounds. The trailhead is located on the left side of the main road, across from Gold Creek Campground.

**ACCESS #2:** From Gunnison, take Highway 135 north for  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and then turn right on county road 10. Follow this until the intersection with Lost Canyon Road #743. Approximately nine miles up this road, there is a well signed intersection. Take the right fork which leads to the Beaver-McIntyre Trail. Follow this trail for about 1.5 miles to the intersection with the Fossil Ridge Trail.

**ATTRACTIONS:** This trail is located in the Fossil Ridge Recreation Management Area and follows the boundary line of the Fossil Ridge Wilderness Area. It offers a very challenging adventure for motorcycles and mountain bikes. Boulder Lake and Summerville Trail #430 can be accessed via this trail. Beware of steep drop-offs.

**CONSIDERATIONS:** Motorcycles and mountain bikes are encouraged to avoid this trail during wet conditions. 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 the water first. Be sure someone knows where you are going and when you plan to return.



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Difficulty ratings are subjective in nature and are directed toward hikers only.

