



Failes Creek Trail #230

Fall Creek Trail #231

Big Blue Creek Trail #232

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The Failes Creek Trail #230 begins near the Alpine Guard Station and ends at the Fall Creek Trailhead. It climbs from the Guard Station through an Engelmann spruce forest. This trail ends before the Uncompahgre Wilderness boundary.



The Fall Creek Trail #231 begins at the Fall Creek Trailhead at the Uncompahgre Wilderness boundary, and ends at its intersection with the Big Blue Creek Trail #232. The combination of the Failes Creek Trail #230, the Fall Creek Trail #231 and the Big Blue Creek Trail #232 makes a loop about 23 miles long. Fall Creek is a typical mountain creek that offers Brook and Cutthroat Trout.



The Big Blue Creek Trail #232 is within the Uncompahgre Wilderness. It begins at the wilderness boundary and ends at the Uncompahgre Peak Trail #239 which provides an access route to Uncompahgre Peak that rises 14,309 feet. Fishing for Brook and Rainbow Trout in Big Blue Creek is excellent.



QUICK FACTS

Failes Creek Trail #230

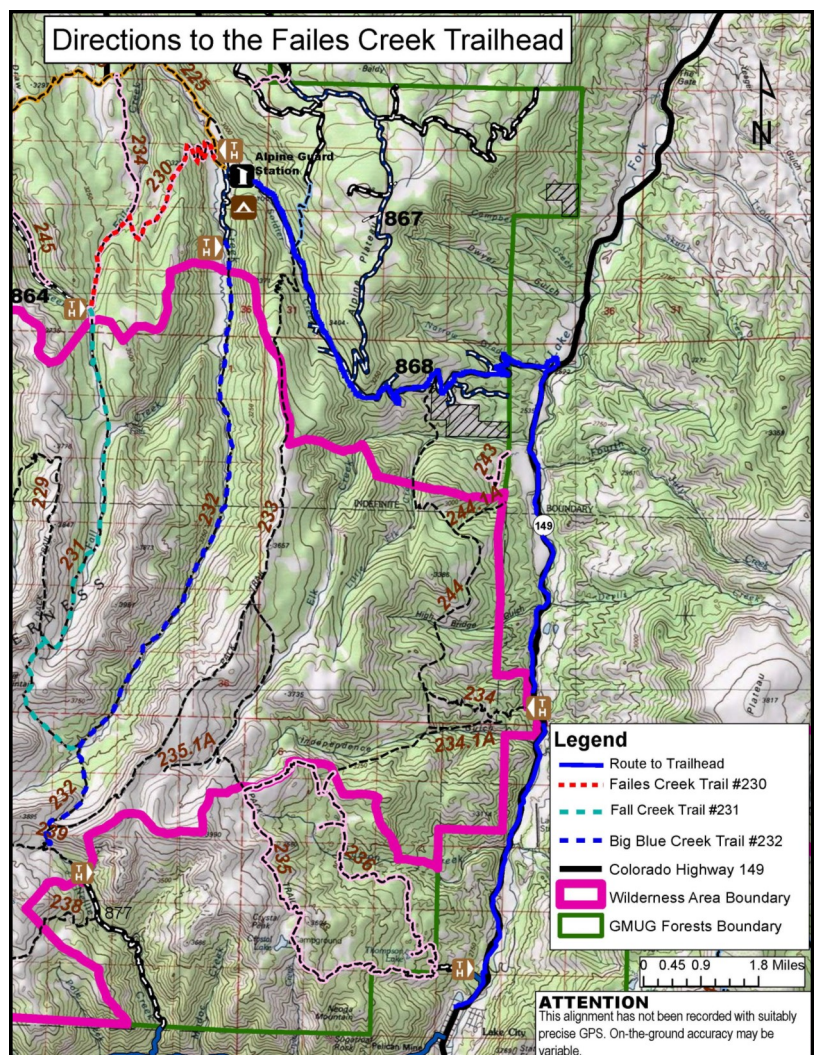
Distance: 4.9 miles
Usage: Medium
Elevation: 9,600-10,970 feet
USGS Maps: Sheep Mountain & Uncompahgre Peak

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Distance: 8.4 miles
Usage: Light-Medium
Elevation: 10,970-11,400 feet
USGS Maps: Sheep Mountain & Uncompahgre Peak

Big Blue Creek Trail #232

Distance: 11 miles
Usage: Heavy
Elevation: 9,700-12,400 feet
USGS Maps: Sheep Mountain & Uncompahgre Peak



FROM LAKE CITY:

- North on Hwy 149 10 miles
- Left on Alpine Plateau Access Road, FSR 868.
- Continue for 11 miles to Alpine Guard Station.
- Trailhead is on the West side on Big Blue Creek 1/4 mile from the Guard Station.
- For the Big Blue TH, continue South on FSR 868 past the Big Blue Campground.

The Alpine Road is narrow & steep with sharp curves. Trailers are not recommended.

Access to the Fall Creek Trailhead from Alpine Guard Station:

- By foot, mountain bike, or horseback, take Trail 230 southwest.
- By off-road motorcycle, take Trail 225 west, then FSR 864.
- By full-sized street-legal vehicle, take FSR 867 north to US Hwy 50, head west toward Cimarron, and before Cimarron, take CR 864/FSR 864 (up Little Cimarron) south to the road's end.