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HIKING

Nellie's– FDT 1839

Difficulty: More Difficult
Trail Use: Moderate
Length: 2.0 miles
Elevation: Starts at 8461 feet, ends at 9937 feet, highest point 9937 feet
Elevation Gain: +1691 feet - 215 feet = +1476 feet
Open To: Hiking, horseback riding

Access:

- Travel 13 miles from Eagle on I-70 to the Dotsero exit and follow the signs for Sweetwater/Burns by turning north onto the Colorado River Road.
- Follow the Colorado River Rd. for 7 miles and turn left onto the Sweetwater Creek Road.
- Stay on Sweetwater Creek Rd. for 11.5 miles, parking near the cabins for the Sweetwater Wilderness Ranch, more parking is available a 1/4 mile up the short, 4-wheel drive road that leads to Hilltop Ranch.
- To access the trailhead go up to Hilltop Ranch and through the gate, travel on Turret Creek-FDT 1832 for 1/2 mile, take a right at the fork crossing the creek.

Trail Highlights:

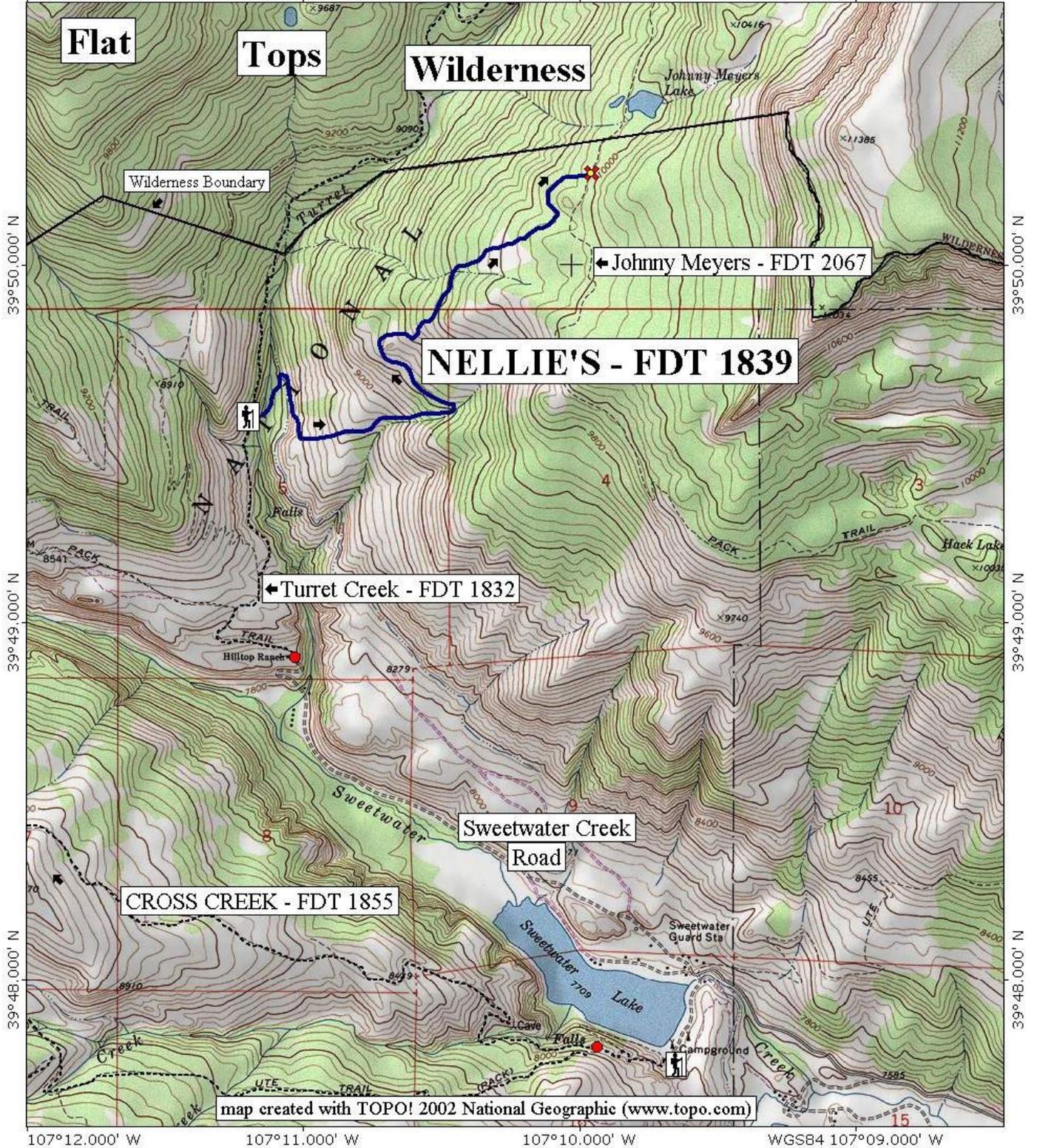
- This very steep trail begins at a junction with Turret Creek-FDT 1852 and ends at the junction with Johnny Meyers-FDT 2067.
- A popular trail for horseback riders, the trail begins by crossing Turret Creek and passes through aspen forests before a steep uphill climb through open meadows.
- At about the 1 mile mark the trail goes around a small conical hill, commonly known as Nellie's Nipple.
- A more gradual climb is to be expected before reaching Johnny Meyers trail.
- On the way up the slope, hikers are treated to incredible panoramic views of Sweetwater Lake, Sweetwater Canyon, Shingle and Turret Peaks, and the snow-capped mountain ranges beyond, providing the hiker with excellent photo opportunities.

Important Information:

- **THIS TRAIL IS CLOSED IN WINTER.**
- **ALL DISTANCES ARE ONE WAY.**
- **THIS TRAIL ERODES EASILY, SO BEWARE OF LARGE PROTRUDING ROCKS, LARGE STEPS, AND TROUGHED TRAIL.**
- **MOTORIZED OR MECHANIZED TRAVEL IS PROHIBITED ON THIS TRAIL.**

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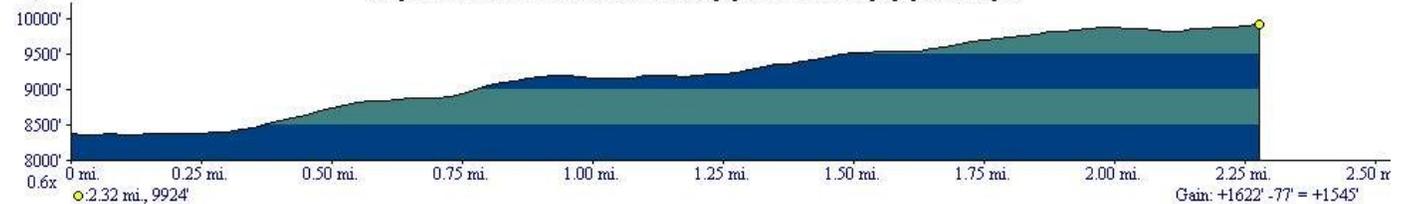
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● 2.32 mi., 9924'

Gain: +1622' -77' = +1545'