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MANSFIELD TRAIL #2201

Difficulty: Difficult

Trail Use: Moderate (Heavy during hunting season)

Length: 9.5 miles

Beginning Elevation: 6,698

Ending Elevation: 9,043

Access:

- From Rifle, head east on I70 for 14 miles. At the New Castle exit, turn left at the ramp and follow signs into New Castle. At 7th Street (County Road #245), turn right and follow for approximately 7.5 miles. Just before the forest boundary is the Mansfield Trailhead.

Trail Highlights:

Go north on Mansfield to where the trail curves to the west (about 5 miles). Follow the westerly direction about .5 miles and then the trail starts south. This is the Cherry Creek Trail (32256) and you can follow that to the road (#245). The trail is not open until June 1st. Be aware of two slide areas.

Attractions:

Predominant vegetation type on the trail's lower elevation is Gambel oak. At the higher elevation, the vegetation is mostly spruce-fir. There are vistas looking into the Deep Creek Canyon.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

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