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EAST MARVINE TRAIL #1822

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 10.5 miles

Elevation: Starts at 8,091 feet and ends at 10,984 feet (highest point 11,200 feet)

Elevation Gain: +3,293 feet – 400 feet = +2,893 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

Access:

- East Marvine Trail is located 35 miles east of Meeker.
- From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.
- Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 28 miles.
- Turn south at Fritzlans Guest Ranch, cross the bridge and turn east on the Marvine Creek Road (Rio Blanco County Road 12) for 6 mile to the Marvine Trailhead parking area.

Trail Highlights:

The trail begins on the left side of the corrals. It crosses East Marvine Creek and follows it upstream 1/2 mile to the wilderness boundary. From there, it is about 1 1/2 miles to Johnson Lake. Just above the lake Wild Cow Park Trail branches north to Big Ridge. The trail crosses numerous small streams as it winds its way to Rainbow Lake 2 miles above Johnson Lake. The cover changes from aspen intermixed with lodgepole pine to predominantly Engelmann spruce and sub-alpine fir. Roughly 1 mile above Rainbow Lake the trail leaves Marvine Creek and climbs 2 miles to the Flat Tops plateau. During the climb, the trail crosses several rockslide areas as it follows switchbacks to the top. Once on top the trail crosses the rolling tundra between Big Marvine Peak to the south and Little Marvine Peak to the north for 3 miles to the Oyster Lake Trail. A spur of the trail switchbacks to the top of Big Marvine Peak. This spur starts about 2 miles north of the Oyster Lake Trail and is delineated by rock cairns and wooden posts. Big Marvine Peak offers a panoramic view of the Flat Tops Wilderness and surrounding area.

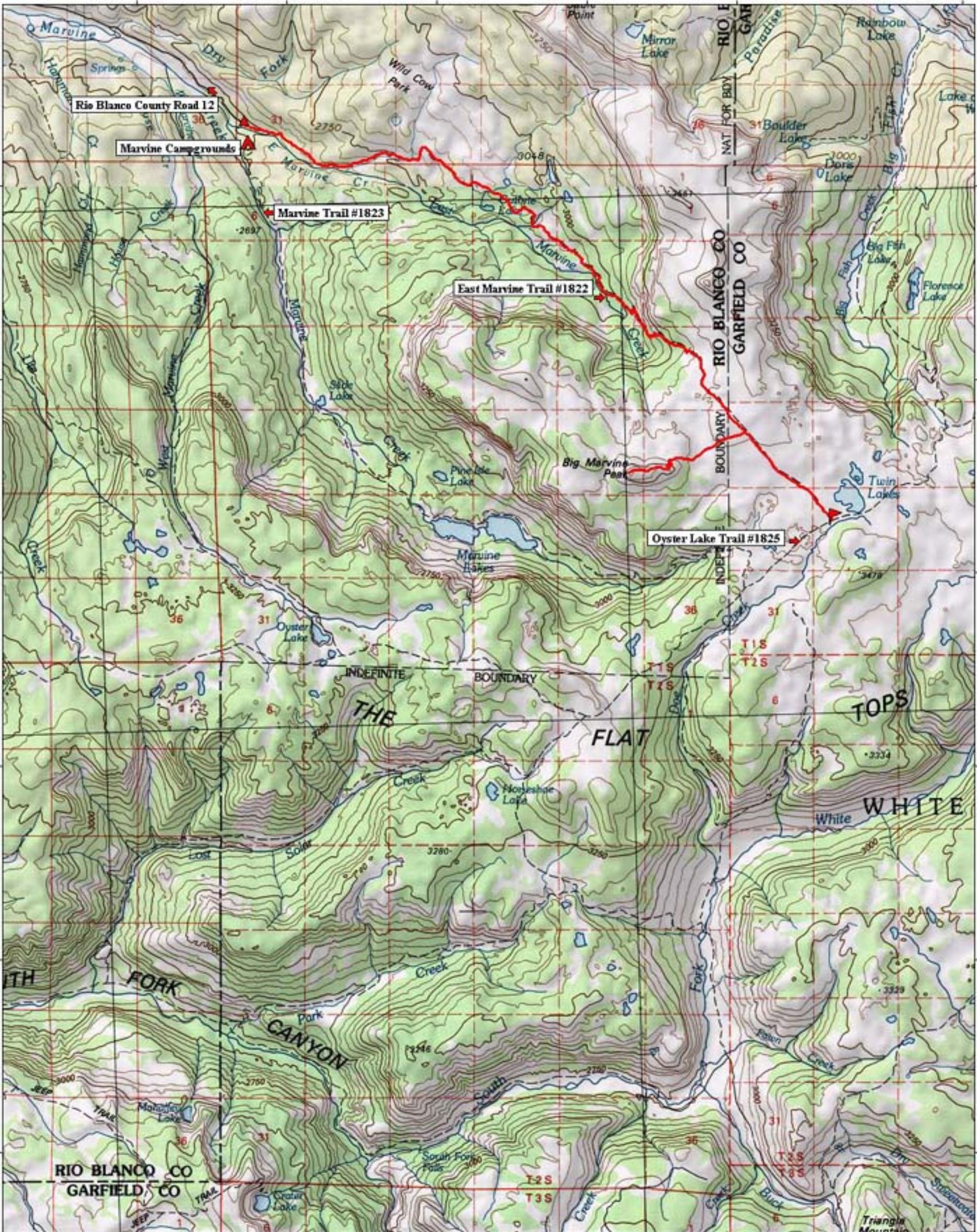
Important Information:

- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- **DOMESTIC CATTLE MAY BE GRAZING IN THE AREA.**

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

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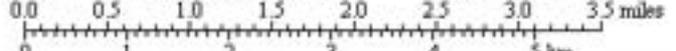
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