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## HILL CREEK TRAIL # 2255

**Difficulty:** More Difficult

**Trail Use:** Light

**Length:** 4.3 miles

**Elevation:** Starts at 7,824 feet and ends at 10,662 feet (highest point 10,662 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** +2,903 feet – 65 feet = +2,838 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

### Access:

- The Hill Creek Trail is located 29 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 18 miles.
- Turn south on Rio Blanco County Road 10 for 2 miles, jog north for 1/4 mile, then east for 9 miles.
- Turn north on FDR 236 for 1 mile to the Hill Creek Trailhead.

### Trail Highlights:

The trail starts from the east side of the campground following Hill Creek for 1/2 mile and then fords the creek to the north side. The trail traverses a scrub oak covered hillside for another 1/4 mile and then follows a bench above Hill Creek through aspen groves and grassy parks. The trail has several steep, rocky stretches that are difficult for horses or hikers. Three and one-half miles from the campground the trail enters the Flat Tops Wilderness deviating from the main Hill Creek drainage and following a minor drainage onto the plateau. Englemann spruce and alpine fir become the dominant tree species along the trail as you travel through a long narrow park the remaining 1/2 mile to the Oyster Lake Trail.

### 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!!**

*THIS MAP IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR ACTUAL LAND NAVIGATION. THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC TRAIL MAP AND COMPASS PRIOR TO BEGINNING AN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRIP.*

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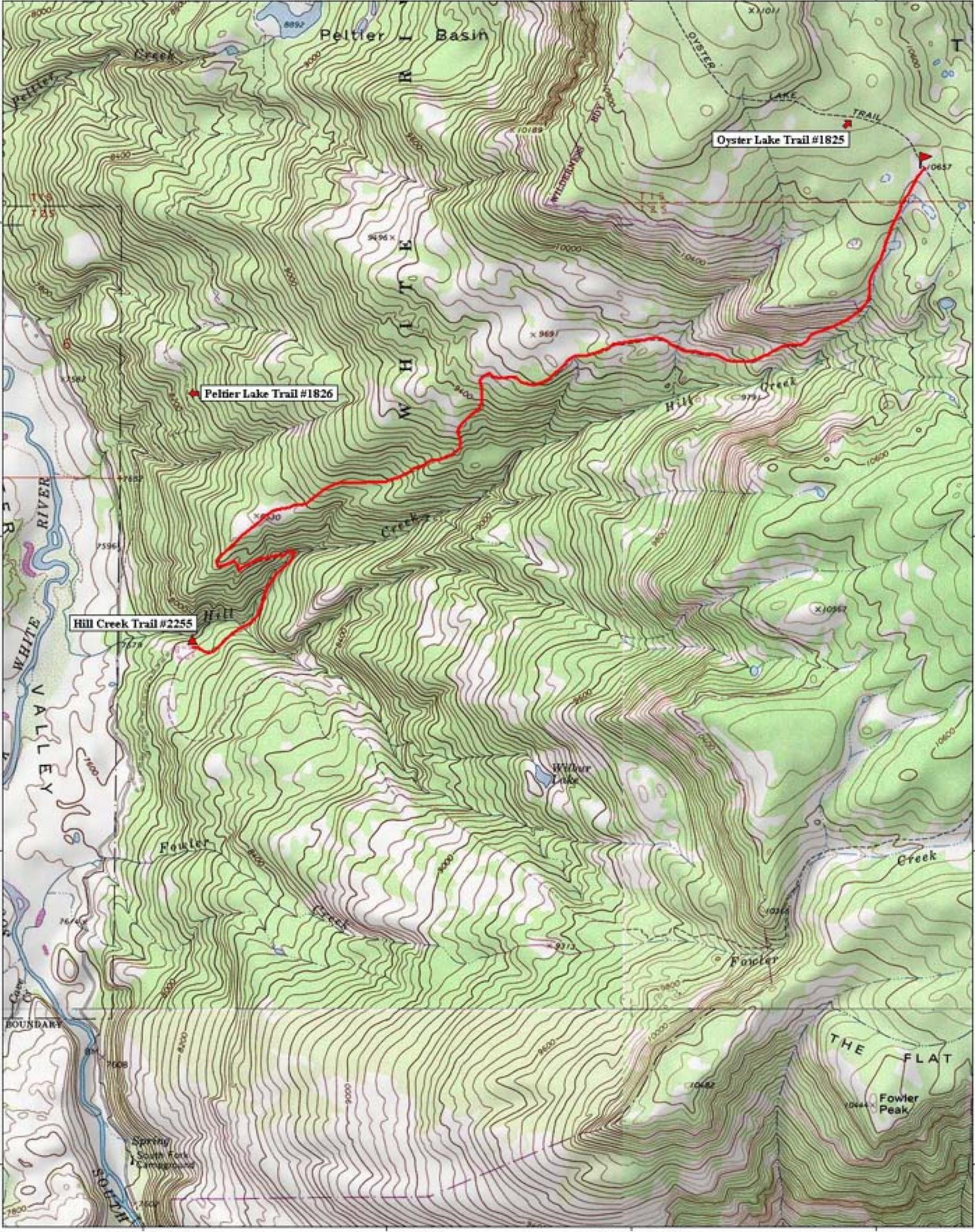
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