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HIMES PEAK TRAIL # 1877

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 4.5 miles

Elevation: Starts at 9,779 feet and ends at 9,836 feet (highest point 10,380 feet)

Elevation Gain: +761 feet – 704 feet = +57 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

Access:

- The Himes Peak Trail is located 52 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 39 miles.
- Turn south on the Trappers Lake Road (FDR 205) for 10 miles.
- Turn south after Trappers Lake Lodge and cross the bridge to the campgrounds. Continue 2 miles through the campgrounds to the Himes Peak Trailhead.

Trail Highlights:

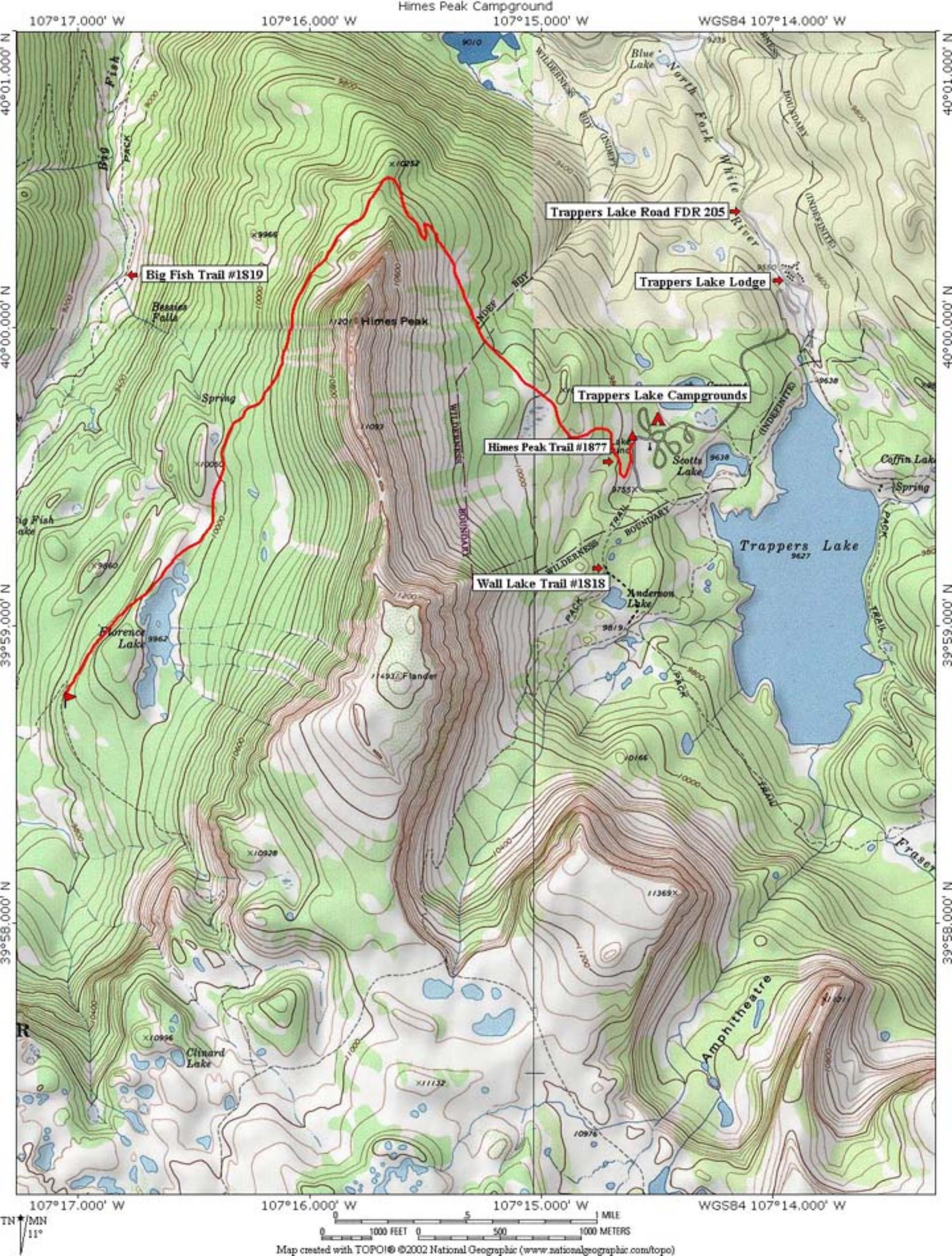
The trail climbs steeply from the road, crossing a small creek into a large meadow below Shepherds Rim. It then climbs gradually for 2 miles crossing snow slide paths to a bench below Himes Peak. The peak is above on your left and below you to the north are the White River and Big Fish drainages. The trail switchbacks for 1 mile off the bench to a large meadow full of wildflowers. You follow along the meadow for another mile to Florence Lake. (There are no fish in Florence Lake). From Florence Lake it is approximately 1/2 mile to the Big Fish Trail. From this junction you may travel down the Big Fish Trail to the Trappers Lake Road or go up the trail onto the Flat Tops and return to the Wall Lake Trailhead via the Oyster Lake Trail, an additional 6 miles beyond the Himes Peak 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.



107°17.000' W

107°16.000' W

Himes Peak Campground

107°15.000' W

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