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## **MIRROR LAKE TRAIL # 1821**

**Difficulty:** More Difficult

**Trail Use:** Heavy

**Length:** 3.5 miles

**Elevation:** Starts at 8,603 feet and ends at 10,016 feet (highest point 10,049 feet)

**Elevation Gain:** + 1,732 feet – 319 feet = - 1,413 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

### **Access:**

- The Mirror Lake Trail is located 41 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 1/2 mile to the Mirror Lake Trailhead access road. Follow the road 1/4 mile to the trailhead.

### **Trail Highlights:**

Leaving the parking area you cross a 3/4 mile strip of private land along the White River. The grass and sagebrush give way to aspen and lodgepole pine as you leave the river bottom. Shortly after you start into the timber you enter the National Forest and the Flat Tops Wilderness. The trees change from aspen and lodgepole to Engelmann spruce and alpine fir as you gain elevation. The trail follows Mirror Creek for 2 1/2 miles until you reach Shamrock Lake. One quarter of a mile above Shamrock Lake the Big Ridge Trail climbs to the west onto Big Ridge. Mirror Lake is 3/4 mile farther up the Mirror Lake Trail. Mirror and Shamrock Lakes provide fishing for Brook Trout.

### **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.**
- **PLEASE RESPECT PRIVATE PROPERTY.**

**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.*

