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SKINNY FISH/McGINNIS TRAIL #1813

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Heavy

Length: 2 miles to split; .5 to Skinny Fish; .7 to McGinnis

Elevation: Starts at 9,269 ft and ends at 10,033 ft at split (highest point 10,033 ft)
Skinny Fish fork—10,033-10,197 (10,207 high)
McGinnis fork—10,005-10,165 (10,202 high)

Elevation Gain: +943 feet – 15 feet = +928 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

Access:

- The Skinny Fish/McGinnis Trail is located 48 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 8 miles to Skinny Fish Trailhead parking area.

Trail Highlights:

The trail leaves the Skinny Fish Trailhead and climbs steeply for the first mile until entering a relatively flat meadow. One mile from the trailhead the Lost Lakes Trail # 1812 branches to the left. The trail follows Skinny Fish Creek through aspen, spruce, fir, and meadows which were burned in the 2002 Big Fish Fire, for 1 mile to where the McGinnis Lake Trail branches to the east. The Skinny Fish Trail continues .5 mile to Skinny Fish Lake and the McGinnis Trail continues .7 of a mile to McGinnis Lake. Along the trail and from either lake, the Chinese Wall is visible. This wall has 600 to 1,000 foot cliffs forming a basin in which Skinny fish and McGinnis Lakes lie. Both lakes are good fishing.

Important Information:

- **THIS TRAIL IS USED FOR MULTIPLE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING HIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING. PLEASE RESPECT OTHER USERS.**
- **PLEASE OBEY ALL WILDERNESS REGULATIONS.**

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.



Lost Lakes Trail #1812

Trappers Lake Road FDR 205

Skinny Fish/McGinnis Trail #1813

Lake of The Woods Trail #2263

Trappers Lake Lodge

Trappers Lake 9627

Trappers Lake Campground

Scotts Lake 9638

Anderson Lake 9819

Coffin Lake

Spring

Little Trappers Lake 9926

10298

10400

10500

10600

10700

10800

10900

11000

11100

11200

11300

11400

107°15.000' W

107°14.000' W

107°13.000' W

WGS84 107°12.000' W

40°02.000' N

40°01.000' N

40°00.000' N

39°59.000' N

40°02.000' N

40°01.000' N

40°00.000' N

39°59.000' N

107°15.000' W

107°14.000' W

107°13.000' W

WGS84 107°12.000' W

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