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SOUTH DERBY TRAIL # 1857

Difficulty: More Difficult

Trail Use: Moderate

Length: 4.25 miles

Elevation: Starts at 11,238 feet and ends at 11,451 feet (highest point 11,675 feet)

Elevation Gain: + 1,171 feet – 958 feet = +213 feet

Open To: HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

Access:

- Access to South Derby Trail is located 50 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 to the Outlet Trailhead.
- Follow the Carhart Trail #1815 around the east side of Trappers Lake to the Trappers Lake Trail #1816.
- Take Trappers Lake Trail for 4 miles to the head of Fraser Creek where the Island Lakes Trail #1842 begins.
- Follow Island Lakes Trail for about 2.5 miles to where the South Derby Trail branches to the south.

Trail Highlights:

The South Derby Trail winds its way for a 2.5 mile journey over the shoulder of Sheep Mountain to Crescent Lake. The trail then circles the southeast end of Mackinaw Lake and climbs for 1.75 miles up to the Flat Tops plateau to its terminus at the junction of the W-Mountain #1817 and Turret Crescent #2269 Trails.

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.

