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ANTHRACITE PASS TRAIL # 1969

LENGTH: 1.0 miles one-way
(1.6 km one-way)

AVERAGE HIKING TIME: 2 - 2-1/2
one-way

DIFFICULTY: Very Difficult

USE: Light

BEGINNING ELEVATION: 9,120 Feet
(2780 m)

ENDING ELEVATION: 10,120 Feet
(3084 m)

RECOMMENDED SEASON(S):
Summer/Fall

DAY/BACKPACKING: A very difficult day hike to a mountain pass through groves of aspen, pine forests and open meadows offering wonderful views of surrounding peaks. Due to the steep terrain, this trail is recommended for experienced backpackers. **Camping is prohibited within 100 feet of the trail and streams.**

ACCESS: Travel south on Colorado Hwy 133 for 25 miles past Carbondale. Turn left onto County road 3 and continue 7 miles to the town of Marble. Turn right at fire station and park at the old Marble Mill Historical Site. Cross the bridge and travel up the Marble quarry road 2 3/4 miles. The Yule Creek Trail #2083 trailhead is on your right, about 1/4 mile before the quarry. Shortly after beginning to hike up the Yule Creek Trail take a right turn onto the Anthracite Pass Trail.

NARRATIVE: The trail starts a quarter mile up Yule Creek trail and ends at the pass. This is a short, very steep trail. Most people agree that the climb is worth the beautiful views from atop the Raggeds Wilderness. There is hiking and heavy horse use on this trail in the fall during hunting season. Great area to view wildflowers. You can also get to the pass from the Raspberry Creek trail.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Anthracite Pass is within the Raggeds Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics and the following rules:

- * **DOGS MUST BE LEASHED** out of consideration for both other people and wildlife.
- * Trash, **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT**--even fruit peels!
- * Limit group sizes to 25 people and/or stock/pack animals.
- * **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * Lightweight campstoves are recommended and required above the timberline.

WILDERNESS AREAS: are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act by man can upset this natural balance and result in the destruction of the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following the above ethics and regulations you can help protect and preserve the natural features of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS!**

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 suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your hiking trip.



