

Hiking and Biking

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CATTLE CREEK TRAIL, #1909: NON-WILDERNESS

Length: 3.7/5.9 mi/km

Elevation Gain: 1,800 ft.

Beginning Elev: 8,000 ft.

USGS Map(s): Toner Reservoir and Leon

Difficulty: moderate

Use: light

End Elev: 9,800 ft.

Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG:

UTM:

ACCESS: From Carbondale follow Hwy 82 east and turn left at the stoplight at El Jebel. Go through El Jebel and travel about 5 miles on county road 13 to the Basalt Mountain Road (509). Turn right onto road #509, proceed 2 miles and take the left fork, which immediately goes downhill. At the bottom of the hill is cow camp, go right and follow this road about 2.5 miles to an old wooden locked gate. The trail starts approximately 50 feet south of this gate. Please park in the new parking lot 300 feet back. **Note:** Road #509 is impassable when wet past the intersection with the Basalt Mountain road #524.

NARRATIVE: The trail travels through aspens and meadows with patches of spruce and fir. It is hard to follow at times so be sure and carry a compass and map. Cattle graze in the area making lots of trails. Please leave gates in the position that you found them. For safety, bicycles must yield to hikers, who in turn yield to horses. Keep your speed down and ride safely. To protect wildlife please leave your dog at home; this is an important wildlife area for elk. This trail should not be ridden prior to June 21st annually to avoid disturbing calving elk.