

## **Hiking and Biking**

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### **DEXTER PARK TRAIL, #1953:** NON-WILDERNESS

**Length:** 4.0/6.4 mi/km

**Difficulty:** easy

**Elevation Gain:** 1,800 ft.

**Use:** light

**Beginning Elev:** 8,200 ft.

**End Elev:** 10,000 ft.

**USGS Map(s):** Stoney Ridge and Placita

**Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG:** 39.15.51.6N/107.19.98.1W

**UTM:** 0298770E, 4348075N

**ACCESS:** From the Forest Service office in Carbondale, travel west on Main Street, past the stoplight and follow county road #108 for 7.4 miles. Turn left onto a dirt road that immediately goes downhill. The road goes downhill for 2.5 miles to a stream crossing, then uphill for about a mile to a pass. In another half mile take the right fork onto road #306. At the end of the railroad grade, the road goes uphill, across Middle Thompson Creek, and continues on past Lake Ridge Lakes Trail for about one mile. Just before the end of the road, Dexter Park Trail is on the south side of the road. It is fairly hard to find but it is shortly after the road makes a turn west and sits in a meadow. Road #306 is a 4WD road.

**NARRATIVE:** The trail starts out through a pine forest, then opens up into large meadows on the top. The descent into coal basin travels mostly through aspens and is hard to follow. This trail makes a pleasant day trip to the top to view Coal Basin and back.