

## Hiking

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### GRANITE LAKES TRAIL, #1922: IN HUNTER-FRYINGPAN WILDERNESS

**Length:** 6.0/9.7 mi/km                      **Difficulty:** more difficult  
**Elevation Gain:** 2,840 ft.                      **Use:** light  
**Beginning Elev:** 8,760 ft.                      **End Elev:** 11,600 ft.  
**USGS Map(s):** Nast and Mt. Champion

**Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG:** 39.17.52.5N/106.36.19.9W  
**UTM:** 0361547E, 4350842N

**ACCESS:** From Carbondale travel east on Hwy 82 to Basalt. Turn left at the stoplight and travel 31 miles up the Fryingpan River road. Turn right on the Fryingpan Ranch road (Nast Site). Parking is provided at the trailhead bulletin board just as you cross the bridge. Walk down the road to the Fryingpan Ranch. The trail starts on your left and just right of the river.

**NARRATIVE:** The trail begins just before the Fryingpan River Ranch. Please be considerate of private property. The first three miles of the trail follows the Fryingpan River and has a gentle incline. From the junction of Granite Creek to the lakes, the terrain becomes very steep. The lakes are nestled in a secluded cirque of the Fryingpan Wilderness and provide the opportunity for solitude and beautiful scenery.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Wilderness areas are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not a renewable resource. Any careless act can upset this natural balance and result in destruction. By following these 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!**

- Out of consideration for others and wildlife - **DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH.**
- Trash - **PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
- Limit group sizes to 25 people and/or stock/pack animals.
- **Sanitation** - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 - 8 inches in the soil.
- Lightweight campstoves are recommended and required above the timberline.
- Camp 100 feet from water and trails, and use existing sites when possible.
- Do not wash or bathe in lakes or streams. Use biodegradable soap far from water source.
- Stay on trail and do not shortcut switchbacks, which cause erosion.