

# Hiking

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## PLACITA TRAIL, #1966 IN MAROON BELLS/SNOWMASS WILDERNESS

**Length:** 3.0/4.8 mi/km

**Elevation Gain:** 2,600 ft.

**Beginning Elev:** 7,400 ft.

**USGS Map(s):** Redstone and Marble

**Difficulty:** more difficult

**Use:** light

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

**Trailhead starts at** LAT/LONG: 39.08.12.6N/107.15.59.2W  
UTM: 0304699E, 4334223N

**ACCESS:** From Carbondale travel south on Hwy 133 for 20 miles until you see the Placita trail sign on the left side of the road near the bridge. Drive 1/4 mile up the road to the trailhead.

**NARRATIVE:** The Placita trail is the access trail to the Lily Lake trail. The trail goes through large dense stands of aspen and then pine at the upper end. It is very steep so don't over exert yourself. The majority of the traffic on this trail is horses in the fall hunting season. Hikers, please be considerate and allow the horses right-of-way. The trail ends at its junction with the Lily Lake trail.

**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 10 people and 15 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.