

Hiking

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RASPBERRY CREEK LOOP TRAIL, #1968 IN MAROON BELLS/SNOWMASS WILDERNESS

Length: 9.0/14.4 mi/km
Elevation Gain: 3,100 ft. at highest
Beginning Elev: 8,200 ft.
USGS Map(s): Marble

Difficulty: moderate to difficult
Use: light
End Elev: 8,200, 11,300 ft. at highest

Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG: 39.04.05.8N/107.11.17.2W
UTM: 0031948E, 4326498N

ACCESS: Travel south on Hwy 133 25 miles past Carbondale. Turn left on County road 3 and continue 7 miles to Marble. Parking is available at the old Marble Mill. Hike up the Marble Quarry road 1/2 mile to the trailhead. Upon reaching the trailhead, hike south approximately 1 mile to the fork in the trail. Take the right fork to Raspberry Creek trail and return from Anthracite Pass on the other trail.

NARRATIVE: After hiking up the Quarry Road for 1/2 mile, there is a small sign on the right side of the road on top of a short, steep bank announcing the trailhead. Hike approximately 1 mile to the fork in the trail. Take the right fork which heads West until reaching Raspberry Creek and turns South to follow the creek to its headwaters. The trail stays on the East side of the creek. In the trees the trail is obvious but in the meadows the trail sometimes fades. Follow the trail south to the base of the ridge that separates the White River National Forest from the Gunnison National Forest. As the trail exits the trees and enters the meadows at the base of this ridge the trail disappears completely. Hike SE (straight left) up to the top of the ridge and follow the ridge East. This will take you to a very steep overlook of Anthracite Pass. Drop north off of the Overlook and then go east (turn right) until you encounter the trail a few hundred yards below the Pass. To complete the Raspberry Loop turn North/Northwest. This section of trail should be well defined and do not be confused by the trail that cuts off to the right (NE) that connects the Raspberry Trail to the Yule Trail. This arm of the Raspberry Trail brings you back to the intersection encountered earlier. A right turn will bring you back to the trailhead on the Quarry Road. Because of the faded and missing sections of this loop this hike can be confusing to follow. For experienced hikers it can present an interesting orienteering challenge.

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.