

## Hiking

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### SAVAGE LAKES TRAIL, #1918: IN HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS

**Length:** 2.0/3.2 mi/km

**Elevation Gain:** 1,160 ft.

**Beginning Elev:** 9,880 ft.

**USGS Map(s):** Nast

**Difficulty:** more difficult

**Use:** moderate

**End Elev:** 11,040 ft.

**Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG:** 39.21.34.6N/106.32.23.0W

**UTM:** 0367342E, 4357606N

**ACCESS:** From Carbondale travel east on Hwy 82 to Basalt. Turn left at the light and head east on the Fryingpan River Road for 27 miles. Approximately 3 miles past Meredith, turn left onto road #501. About one mile past Elk Wallow Campground take the left fork for approximately 3.25 miles to the trailhead (.2 of a mile before the dead end).

**NARRATIVE:** This short, but steep trail is in good condition. It should be noted, however, that numerous snow drifts can be expected on the trail throughout the month of June. Fishing is good for Brook and Lake Trout. Even though the trail starts out as being rather steep, the trail soon becomes one of our more moderate hikes in the area. Along one section of a rocky outcropping is a favorite spot for marmots. To visit the upper lakes, stay on the left hand side of the lake for a simple climb to the upper lakes.

**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.