

Hiking

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SOUTH FORK PASS TRAIL, #1940: IN HUNTER-FRYINGPAN WILDERNESS

Length: 4.5/7.2 mi/km Difficulty: moderate
Elevation Gain: 1,800 ft. Use: light
Beginning Elev: 10,000 ft. End Elev: 11,800 ft.
USGS Map(s): Mt. Champion

Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG: 39.14.22.1N/106.35.31.8W
UTM: 0362594E, 4344394N

ACCESS: From Carbondale travel east on Hwy 82 to Basalt. Turn left at the stoplight, and travel towards Ruedi Dam on the Fryingpan River road. 28 miles past Basalt, turn right onto road #504 at the Norrie Colony sign. About 3 miles up the road take the left fork. In another mile take the left fork again and follow it to the end of the road to the trailhead.

NARRATIVE: This well marked trail follows the South Fork of the Fryingpan River. The trail is fairly easy hiking and stays in trees for the majority of the trip. After 3.5 miles you will come to Deadman Lake. The trail from here gets a little harder to follow. To get to South Fork Pass stay on the trail and climb approximately 600 feet in your last mile of travel. From the end of the trail it is possible to continue over to Independence Pass and Hwy 82.

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.