

Hiking

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TELLURIUM LAKE TRAIL, #1917: IN HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS

Length: 6.8/10.9 mi/km Difficulty: moderate
Elevation Gain: 1,100 ft. Use: light
Beginning Elev: 9,400 ft. End Elev: 10,500 ft.
USGS Map(s): Crooked Creek, Nast and Mt. Jackson

Trailhead starts at LAT/LONG: 39.22.31.4N/106.38.57.1W
UTM: 0357942E, 4359524N

ACCESS: From Carbondale travel east on Hwy 82 to Basalt. Turn left at the stoplight and travel 27 miles up the Fryingpan River road. Turn left onto Road #501 towards Elk Wallow Campground, and in about 3 miles take road #506 to the left, following it for about 5 miles. As the road makes a sharp right on the second ridge, you will see an old logging road on the right side with a cable across it and some rocks blocking vehicle traffic. That is the beginning of the trail. Parking is available about 1/8 of a mile down the road. Just walk up the hill to the trail.

NARRATIVE: It is 4 miles to Tellurium Lake and then 2.8 more to the junction with Last Chance Creek trail. This trail is an easy trail to hike with lots of meadows with flowers. You can also access Woods Lake Trail, Last Chance Trail, Josephine Lake and Henderson Park.

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.