



HIKING – FOREST SERVICE – ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

NATIONAL FOREST – San Juan RANGER DISTRICT - Columbine
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CASCADE CREEK TRAIL #510

Length: 6 miles (9.6 km.)

Use: Medium

Difficulty: More difficult

USGS Map (s): Engineer Mountain

Starting Elevation: 9,200'
Cascade summer homes

Ending Elevation: 11,200'
Junction with Colorado (Rico-Silverton) Trail

Recommended Season:
Spring/Summer/Fall

Access #1: 30 miles north of Durango on U.S. 550, turn west on the Cascade dirt road (frontage access sign). This road eventually turns into 4WD, but there is a little cul-de-sac area just past the flume where there is some parking. From here follow the dirt road approximately ¾ mile to a red gate before a cabin on the right. Open the gate and follow the road until it turns to the trail.

Attractions & Considerations:
There are two trails, on either side of the creek. The trail on the east is a stock driveway that is steep and muddy in spots. The trail on the west is more pleasant; it stays closer to the stream and is moderate hiking. Directly across the creek is the end of the Cascade Trail, where the west-side trail ends (or turns into Graysill Trail). It is best to cross the creek up a little ways. To the east is Graysill Trail, which continues on until it ties into the Rico-Silverton Trail. There are several beautiful views and waterfalls. Plenty of water is available, but purification is recommended to avoid Giardia.

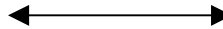


Fishing Considerations:

Small brook and rainbow trout are found in the upper portion of Cascade Creek. Larger fish are found below the confluence of Cascade and Lime Creeks.

Recommended Season

Spring Summer Fall Winter



Scan of the San Juan National Forest Map

Forest Service Maps and other publications available at the Public Lands Center in the Durango Tech Center, ½ mile west of Durango off of Highway 160 or by calling 970-247-4874.
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