





Chicken Creek Trail #615 San Juan National Forest

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Length: 7.8 miles (12.6 km)	Hiking level: Moderate
Starting Elevation: 7,900 ft Trailhead located at Mancos State Park, seven miles south of Transfer Campground.	Facilities: Developed water source and Toilet available at Transfer Trailhead.
Ending Elevation: : 8,900 ft, Transfer Campground	Amount of use: Moderate -Heavy
  Use restrictions: The Chicken Creek Trail is a multi-use trail with restrictions for motorized uses on various portions of the trail. Please review the Mancos-Cortez Travel Map for specific information. They are available at the Dolores Public Lands Office at 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO, or on our website at http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/sanjuan/projects/	USGS Map(s): Rampart Hills & Millwood ((7.5') Quads.

Directions to trailhead: From the town of Mancos, turn north on Highway 184 then turn right after .3 miles onto County Road 42 which turns into National Forest Service Road (NFSR) #561 once you enter the San Juan National Forest boundary. Continue up NFSR #561 (also known as the West Mancos Road) until you reach the Transfer Recreation Area (approximately 11 miles total from Mancos). Continue past the turn off to Transfer Campground and the trailhead will be on your left.

Trail Description: The newly constructed trailhead for Chicken Creek allows vehicles a place to park off the main road. There is also a trailhead for Chicken Creek Trail (or termination of the trail, which ever way you are hiking) at Mancos State Park. Keep in mind there is a fee if you park your vehicle at Mancos State Park.

The trail immediately drops into Chicken Creek drainage where it merges with the Morrison Trail. Chicken Creek Trail turns south at the bottom of the canyon and the Morrison Trail heads north. The upper portion of the Chicken Creek Trail is motorized down to the junction with the Rim Trail, approximately 1.5 miles. From that point on it becomes a non-motorized trail the rest of the way until you reach the lower end at Mancos State Park.



**PACK IT IN – PACK IT OUT!
LEAVE NO TRACE!!!**

