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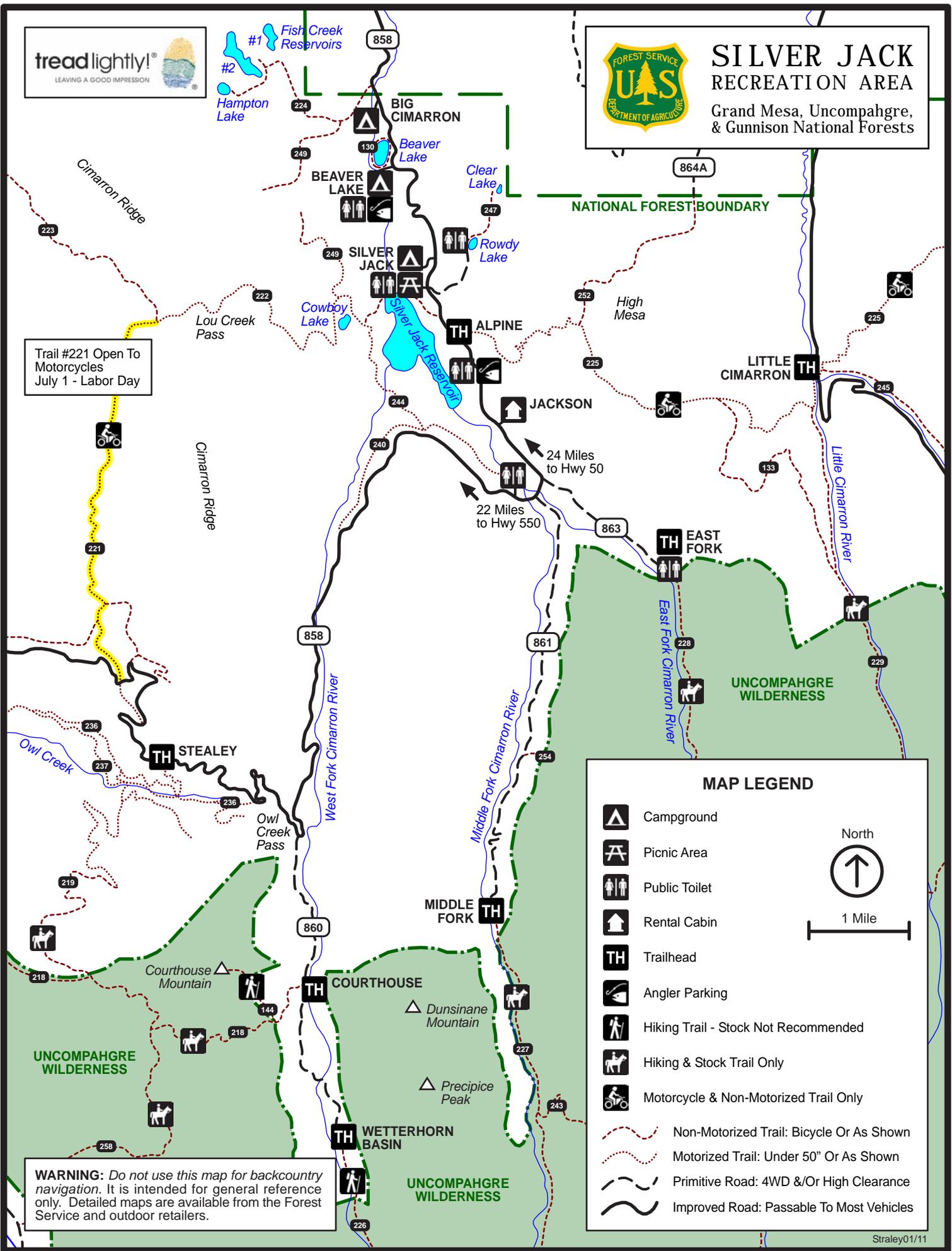


#1 Fish Creek Reservoirs
#2 Hampton Lake



SILVER JACK RECREATION AREA

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, & Gunnison National Forests



Trail #221 Open To Motorcycles July 1 - Labor Day

24 Miles to Hwy 50
22 Miles to Hwy 550

MAP LEGEND

- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Public Toilet
- Rental Cabin
- Trailhead
- Angler Parking
- Hiking Trail - Stock Not Recommended
- Hiking & Stock Trail Only
- Motorcycle & Non-Motorized Trail Only
- Non-Motorized Trail: Bicycle Or As Shown
- Motorized Trail: Under 50" Or As Shown
- Primitive Road: 4WD &/Or High Clearance
- Improved Road: Passable To Most Vehicles

North

1 Mile

WARNING: Do not use this map for backcountry navigation. It is intended for general reference only. Detailed maps are available from the Forest Service and outdoor retailers.

Welcome!

The Silver Jack Recreation Area is located 40 miles southeast of Montrose, Colorado, on the north slope of the rugged San Juan Mountains. Elevations range from 8,600 feet at the National Forest boundary to over 13,000 feet at the summit of Precipice Peak. Views are spectacular and the area is biologically diverse with aspen and mixed conifer forest changing to dense conifer and eventually alpine tundra. The Cimarron River and its three main forks are born here. The area is very popular with campers, trail users of all types, and anglers and hunters.

Though well-traveled, the Silver Jack Recreation Area is remote and few services are available. Roads are unpaved and may be impassable when wet. Plan accordingly and be prepared for emergencies. You may also encounter natural hazards associated with weather, terrain, and wildlife. Black bears frequent this area. Keep your food and waste secure and small children and pets close and under control. *Your safety is your responsibility!*

Recreation Facilities

There are three developed campgrounds in the Silver Jack Recreation Area offering a total of 80 campsites. All campgrounds have tables, fire rings, and toilets. Only Silver Jack Campground has water. RV hookups are not available and size is limited. Campgrounds are also open for day-use (picnicking), at a reduced fee. These facilities are open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

Campground	Sites	Water	Toilet	RV	Fees
Big Cimarron	9	No	Yes	35 Ft	\$12/Night, \$3/Day
Beaver Lake	11	No	Yes	35 Ft	\$12/Night, \$3/Day
Silver Jack	60	Yes	Yes	45 Ft	\$14/Night, \$3/Day

Camping reservations are not accepted. These facilities are operated in partnership with Recreation Resource Management (RRM). An RRM Camp Host is stationed at Silver Jack Campground.

The Jackson Guard Station is now available for public rental, by reservation for \$75/night. This rustic cabin has limited amenities but offers a unique, primitive experience. For more information or reservations, visit www.reserveamerica.com.

Day-use facilities in the area include: two angler parking areas, an overlook and picnic area, and several primitive trailheads. No fee is required for these facilities. Only hand-propelled watercraft are permitted on Silver Jack Reservoir. The best access to the reservoir is from its angler parking area. The 46-mile drive over Owl Creek Pass is scenic and popular.

Dispersed Camping

Camping in undeveloped (dispersed) areas is very popular and permitted on the National Forest. However, travel regulations require campsites to be within 300 feet of designated roads and they prohibit resource damage. These roads are shown on the reverse, and official Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available at no cost from the Ouray Ranger District and the Silver Jack Camp Host. Overnight camping is not permitted in day-use sites, including trailheads.

Facilities are not normally associated with this type of camping, and you are expected to take full responsibility for yourself. *Tread Lightly*: observe travel regulations, pack out all trash, remove or bury human waste at least six inches deep and 200 feet from water and campsites, keep campfires small, only burn dead and down wood, and be considerate of others.

Travel

There are many miles of National Forest System roads and trails in the Silver Jack Recreation Area that provide a wide range of recreation opportunities. Motor vehicles, including off-highway vehicles (OHV's), must remain on designated routes, with the exception of the camping variance described above. These routes are shown on the reverse, and official *Motor Vehicle Use Maps* are available at no cost from the Ouray Ranger District and the Silver Jack Camp Host.

Non-motorized travel is largely unrestricted. However, to protect natural resources, all users are asked to remain on designated trails. Trails in the Uncompahgre Wilderness are limited to hiking and stock use. Bicycles and OHV's are prohibited.

Wilderness

The southern portion of the Silver Jack Recreation Area lies largely within the *Uncompahgre Wilderness*. This area was designated by Congress to provide you and future generations with the benefits of an enduring primitive resource that is unimpaired by human civilization. To protect its wild character, **special restrictions apply**. Mechanized transportation and motorized equipment are prohibited. Uncompahgre Wilderness brochures are available from the Ouray Ranger District and the Silver Jack Camp Host.

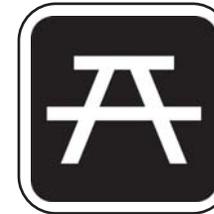
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