

Ruby Anthracite Trail #836



Beaver Ponds along the Ruby Anthracite Trail

After leaving County Road 12, follow a narrow rutted 2 track road 1/3 mile to the trailhead. The trail slowly descends through aspen forest and past beaver ponds to the edge of the Ruby Anthracite Canyon. It then descends down the side of the canyon. This portion of the trail is steep and contains a series of switchbacks. The switchbacks are in poor condition and caution must be used. Upon reaching the canyon bottom, Ruby Anthracite Creek must be crossed. Look for a marker post on the other side of the creek showing the location of the trail. East of the creek the trail is somewhat difficult to follow so watch carefully for markers and cut logs. The trail climbs through aspen, brush, and parks to eventually intersect the Dark Canyon Trail #830, above the Devil's Stairway. The Ruby Anthracite Trail does not receive much use so the tread is not well worn and is sometimes difficult to follow.

Trail Ethics:

The Ruby Anthracite Trail is maintained for foot and horse travel. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles and bicycles are not allowed on the Ruby Anthracite Trail or in Wilderness areas.



Drinking Water:

DO NOT drink water directly from a river or stream. Water needs to be treated first by either filtering, boiling for at least 10 minutes or treating with iodine tablets.



Multiple use:

As you use this area you may notice that the Forest is managed for a broad range of uses. Recreation use alone includes hiking, horseback riding, hunting, and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Livestock grazing is a form of land management you may encounter while using this area. The livestock grazing on this area is managed in a very progressive and specific manner. The fences and gates that you may see are critical to managing the livestock and meeting the resource objectives that are planned for this area. Please close all gates that you open as you travel through the area. Controlling the livestock in the manner that we have planned is important.



Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.

Familiarize yourself with the area.



Don't forget your camera!



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Length 5 Miles



*Ruby Anthracite Creek
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Trail Beginning: Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road.

Trail Ending: The junction with the Dark Canyon Trail #830.

Access #1: From Paonia take Highway 133 16 miles East to Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road. Follow toward Crested Butte for 16-17 miles to the trailhead.

Access #2: From Crested Butte follow Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road, west toward Paonia for 24-25 miles to the trailhead.

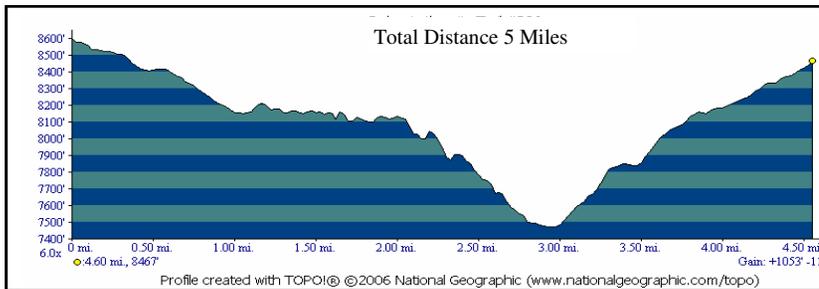
Use: Foot and Horse

Recommended Seasons:



USGS quad maps: Marcellina Mountain

Elevation Profile:



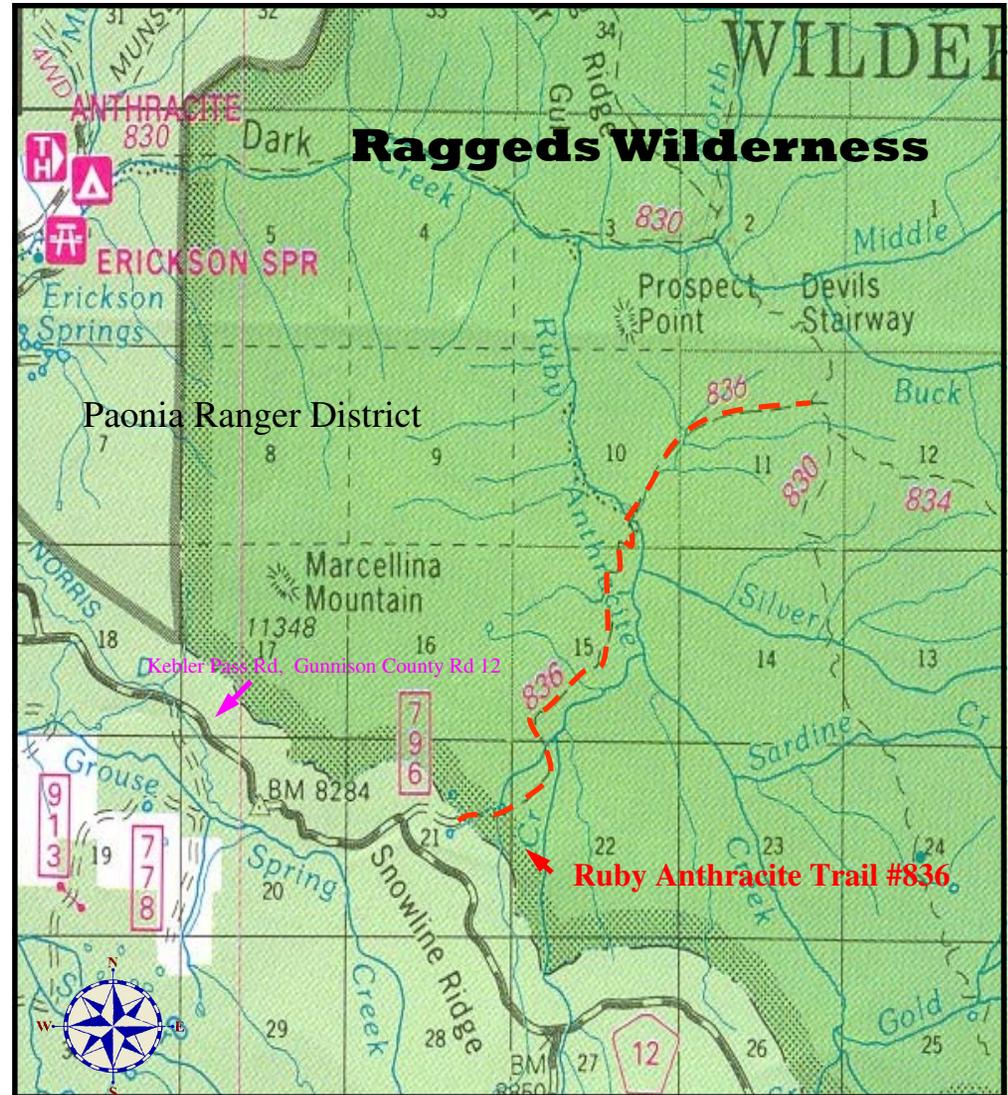
Dispersed Camping

Dispersed camping is permitted in most areas of the Forest. Recreation maps are available at all local Forest Service offices and personnel can answer questions on specific sites. Camping in undeveloped areas requires more from the camper to help keep the site in the condition in which it was found. If you pack it in-Pack it out!



Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in effect.



Principles of Leave No Trace:

1. Plan Ahead & Prepare
2. Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors