

Beckwith Pass #842



The Ruby Range from the Beckwith Pass Trail
Photo by Vic Ullrey Paonia R.D.

This short trail connects the Three Lakes Trail #843 to the Cliff Creek Trail #840, offering a fairly easy day hike either to Beckwith Pass or down to Horse Ranch Park. It also offers access to the West Elk Wilderness, as an alternative to the steeper Cliff Creek Trail, as it averages only a 2% slope. Scenic attractions include good views of East Beckwith and Ruby Range, as well as an abundance of wildflowers during mid-summer. The trail is easily followed and receives heavy use from horses. Several stream crossings exist so dispersed camping is possible along the entire route.

After passing through a gate (usually closed to keep cattle out of the campground), the trail descends and ascends through aspen stands; then climbs gradually along a hillside, meandering through open parks of wildflowers and scattered stand of aspen and spruce. The confluence with the Cliff Creek Trail is in a dense spruce stand at a creek crossing.

Trail Ethics:

The Beckwith Pass Trail is maintained for foot, horse and bicycle travel only. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create



Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the Beckwith Pass Trail.



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.



Please don't litter!

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Length: 2.8 miles



Photo of East and West Beckwith
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Trail Beginning: Beckwith Pass Trail intersects with the Three Lakes Trail #843.

Trail Ending: Beckwith Pass Trail ends at the intersect with Cliff Creek Trail #840 about 1/3 mile before Beckwith Pass.

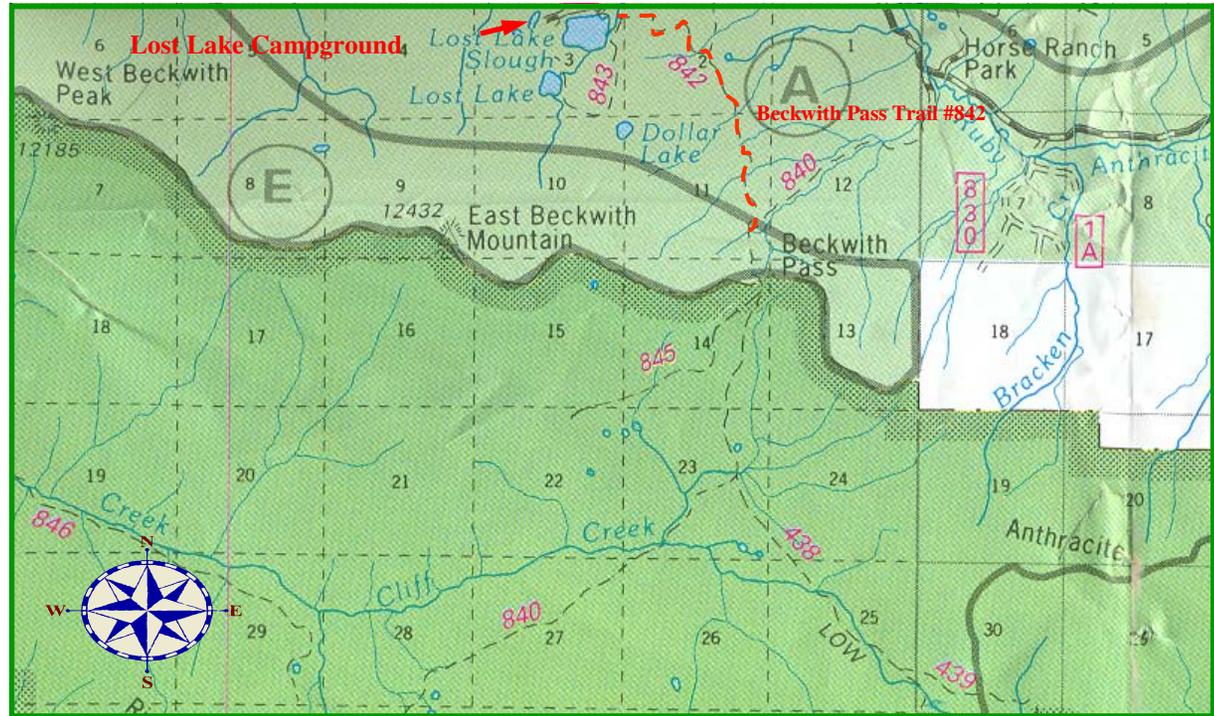
Access #1: Via the Three Lakes Trail #843, approximately 200 yards Southeast of Road #706 (on the Southeast side of Lost Lake Campground).

Access #2: Via the Cliff Creek Trail #840, approximately 2.5 miles Southwest of County Road #12, Kebler Pass Road.

Recommended Seasons:

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| Spring | Summer | Fall | Winter |
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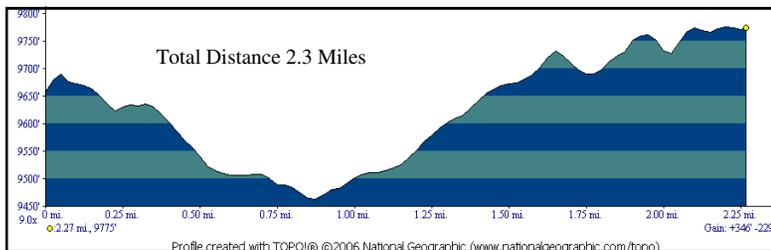
USGS quad maps: Anthracite Range



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!

Elevation Profile:



Fire Safety:

Check in with your local Forest Service office to see if fire bans are in ef-



- 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

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