

Dark Canyon/Munsey Tie-in Trail #830A

This tie-in trail is a short trail that allows hikers and horseback riders to access the Munsey-Ruby Stock Driveway from the developed trailhead at Erickson Springs without riding over a mile on gravel roads. After crossing the foot and horse bridge east of the Dark Canyon trail head, the trail turns down stream on the north side of Anthracite Creek to join the Stock Driveway at Munsey Creek.

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, snowmobiling and sightseeing. In addition, the vegetation in the Forest requires some form of management. Timber harvest and livestock grazing are both forms 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.



Trail Ethics:

The Dark Canyon/Munsey Tie-in 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 Dark Canyon/Munsey Tie-in Trail or in Wilderness areas.



Stream Safety:

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.



If you encounter sheep during your visit, approach them with respect & caution. Guard dogs are used to protect the sheep from predators. Try to pass a fair distance from the sheep. If you have a dog, keep it restrained. If approached by a guard dog remain calm, tell the dog "Go back" in a firm authoritative voice. If you do not appear as a threat to the sheep, the dogs will just watch as you pass.



Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.



Familiarize yourself with the area.

Don't forget your camera!



Please don't litter!

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Length 0.7 Miles



A View looking up Dark Canyon
Photo by Vic Ullrey Paonia R.D.

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Trail Beginning: Dark Canyon Trail #830.

Trail Ending: Munsey-Ruby Stock Driveway Trail #831.

Access #1: From the Dark Canyon Trail Head at Erickson Springs, follow the Dark Canyon Trail #830 1/4 mile to the Tie-in Trail #830A intersection.

Access #2: Follow Forest Road #795.

Use: Foot and Horse

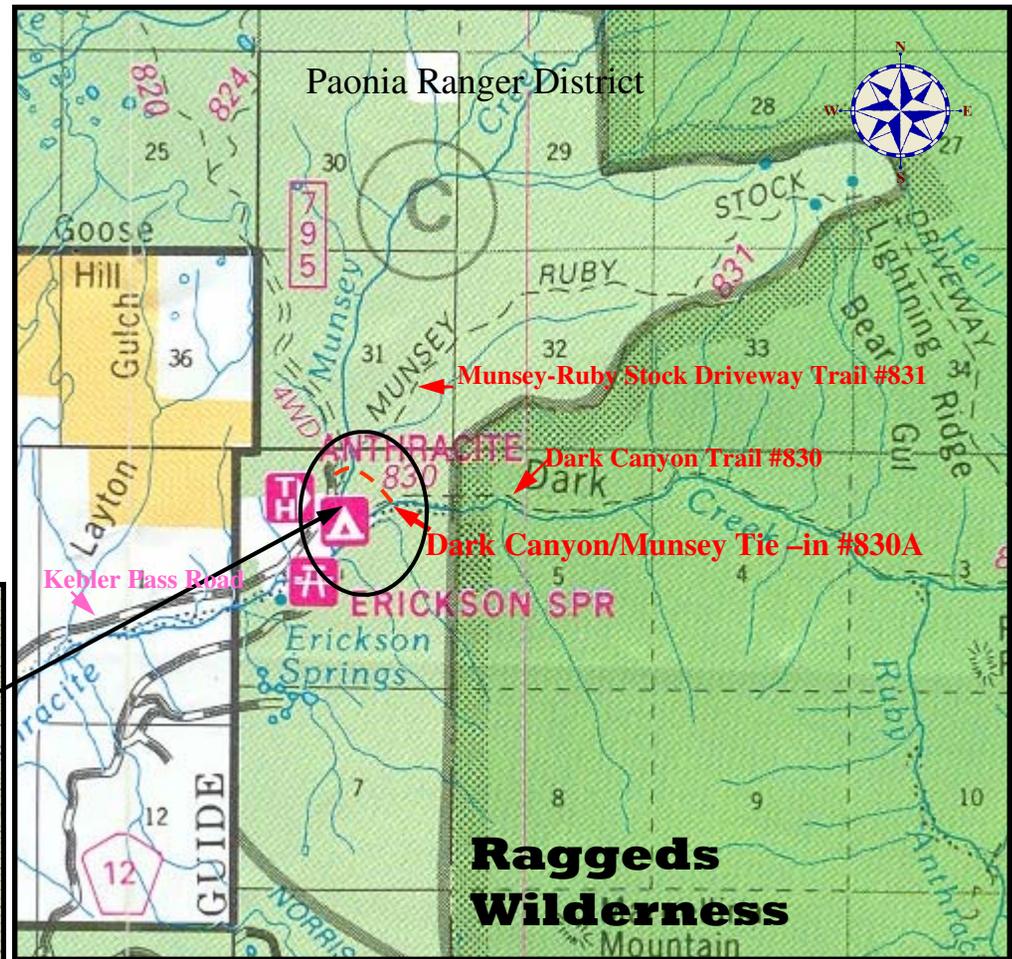
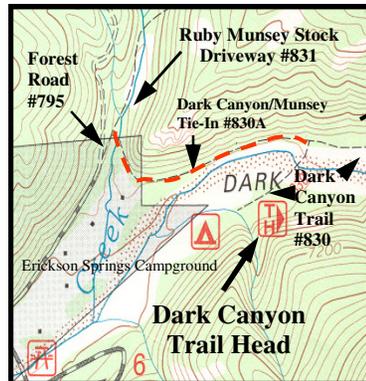
Recommended Seasons:

Spring Summer Fall Winter

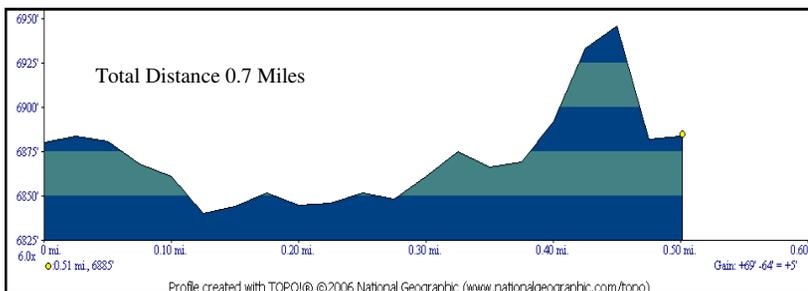
USGS quad maps: Paonia Reservoir

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 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