

Dyke Creek Trail #837



Marcellina Mtn. form the Dyke Creek Trail
Paonia R.D.

The Dyke Creek Trail #837 is a 1.3 mile spur trail located off of the Dyke Trail. The Dyke Creek trail travels north into the Raggeds Wilderness and eventually intersects with the Silver Basin Trail (Mountain Bikes Prohibited in the Raggeds Wilderness). Herds of domestic sheep graze the area this trail passes through.



Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.

Familiarize yourself with the



Don't forget your camera!



Trail Ethics:

The Dyke Creek Trail is maintained for foot and horse travel. It is also open to bicycle until it intersects with the Wilderness boundary. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles are not allowed on the Dyke Creek 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.



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.



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Length 4.7 Miles



The Great Dyke
Paonia R.D.

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Paonia Ranger District



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Trail Beginning: Forest Road #826.1D near Lake Irwin.

Trail Ending: The junction with the Silver Basin Trail #834.

Access #1: From Paonia take Hwy 133 16 miles to Gunnison County Road 12. 1/2 mile after crossing Kebler Pass, turn left on Forest Road #826 until reaching the Lake Irwin Campground. Trail #837 starts near the campground.

Access #2: From Paonia take Hwy 133 16 miles to Gunnison County Road 12. Follow it to Horse Ranch Park and from there take the Dyke Trail #838 until it intersects the Dyke Creek Trail.

Use: Foot and Horse, also bicycle until it enters the Raggeds Wilderness Area.

Recommended Seasons:

Spring Summer Fall Winter

USGS quad maps: Oh-Be-Joyful, Marcellina Mountain

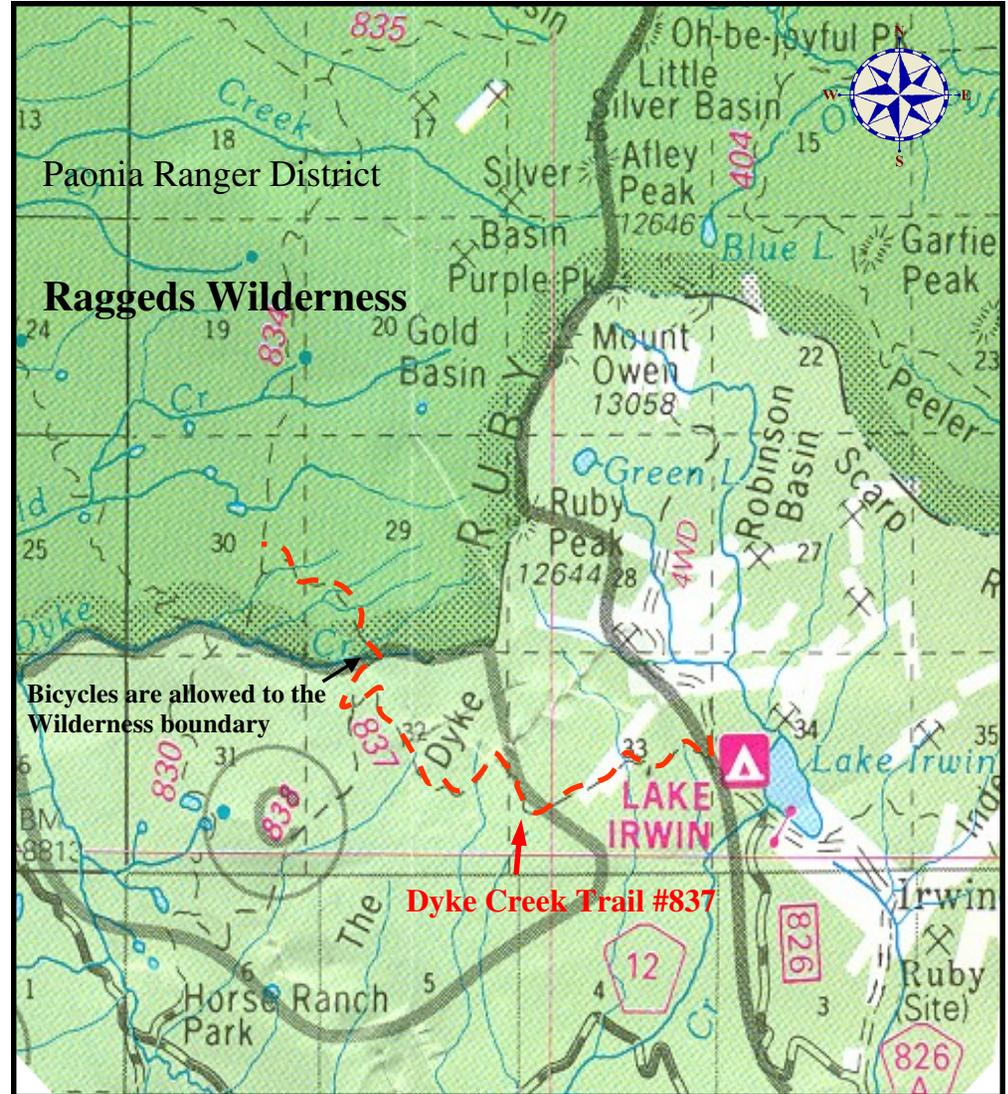
Dispersed Camping

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!

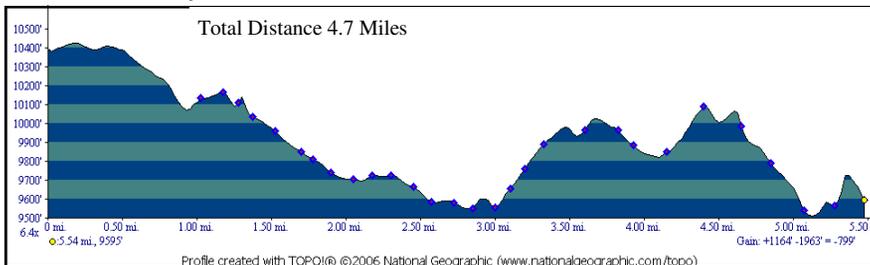


Fire Safety:

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



Elevation Profile:



- 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