

Dyke Trail #838



*The Anthracite Range From the Dyke Trail
Paonia R.D.*

Leaving Irwin Lake, the trail passes through conifer and aspen forest as well as open areas that give spectacular views of surrounding mountains. After passing south of “The Dyke”, a prominent igneous outcrop, the trail descends into Horse Ranch Park. This portion is a favorite for mountain bike enthusiasts. Herds of domestic sheep graze the area this trail passes through.

Don't forget your camera!



Be prepared for inclement weather at all times.

Familiarize yourself with the area.



Trail Ethics:

The Dyke Trail is maintained for foot, horse and mountain bikes. Please don't cut across switchbacks or create new trails.



Motors & Machines:

Motorized vehicles are not



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, mountain biking, 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.

Please don't litter!

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Length 1.2 Miles



*A View from the Dyke Trail
“The Dyke” at the South end of the Ruby Range*

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Trail Beginning: Horse Ranch Park.

Trail Ending: The junction with the Lake Irwin Trail #837.

Access #1: From Paonia take Hwy 133 16 miles to Gunnison County Road 12, Kebler Pass Road. Follow it to Horse Ranch Park.

Use: Foot, Horse & Mountain Bike

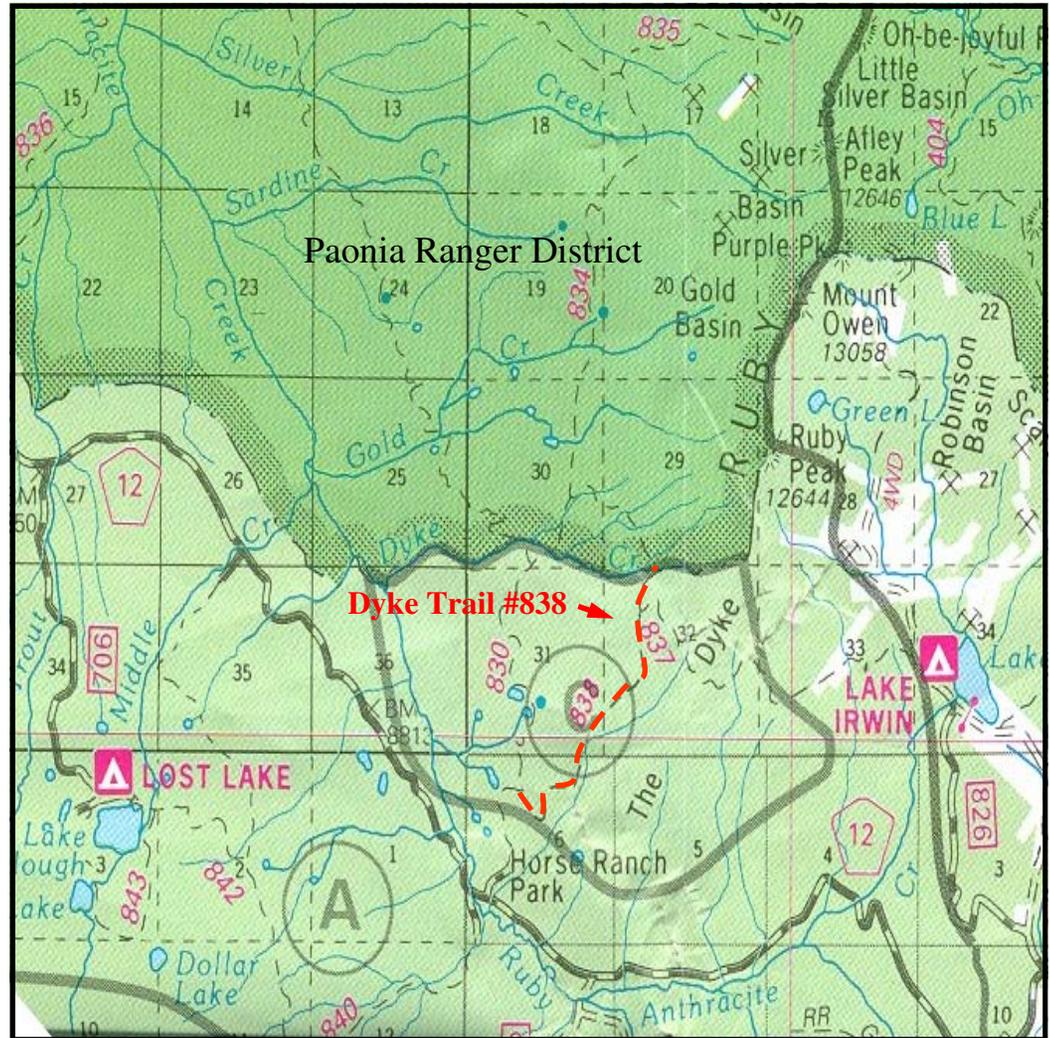
Recommended Seasons:



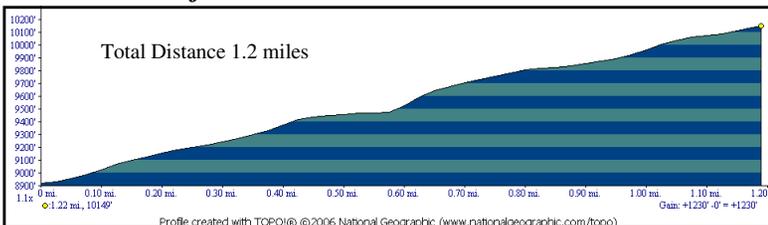
USGS quad maps: Anthracite Range & Marcellina Mountain

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!



Elevation Profile:



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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