

Navajo Flats Trail #857



Picture of Navajo Flats Trail Sign
Taken from the Kaufman Trail #852

The Navajo Flats Trail #857 begins at the intersection with the Through Line Trail #860 in a park below the Navajo Cabin. It enters and remains in aspen for its length, although it opens up frequently for views of Mount Gunnison. The intersection with the Kaufman Creek Trail #852 is well signed. This trail is little used but it does provide access between the Through Line and Kaufman trails and elk and deer are numerous. No water exists and an average slope of 13% eliminates most camping. The route is easy to follow, with a good tread way and lies within the West Elk Wilderness.

Don't forget your camera!



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Trail Ethics:

The Navajo Flats 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 Navajo Flats 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, horse-back 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 2.7 Miles



View of Porcupine Cone
from the Navajo Flats Trail

Photo by Anne Williams

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Trail Beginning: Intersection with the Through Line Trail #850.

Trail Ending: At the junction with the Kaufman Creek Trail #852.

Access #1: Via the Through Line Trail #860, 2.5 miles southwest of Forest Road #709, Coal Creek Road.

Access #2: Via the Kaufman Creek Trail #852, approximately 4 miles south of Forest Road #709, Coal Creek Road.

Use: Foot and Horse

Recommended Seasons:

Spring Summer Fall Winter

USGS quad maps: West Beckwith 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!

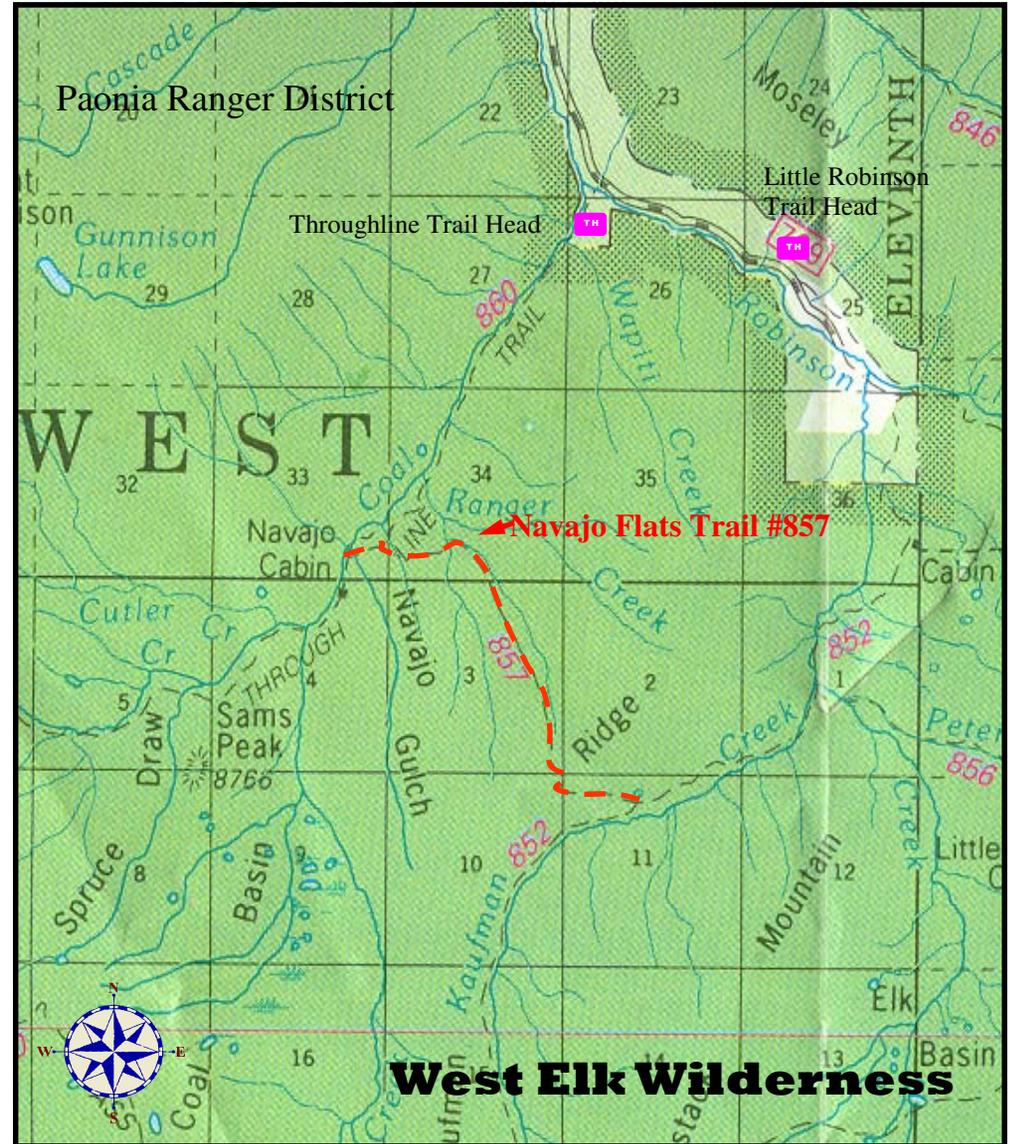
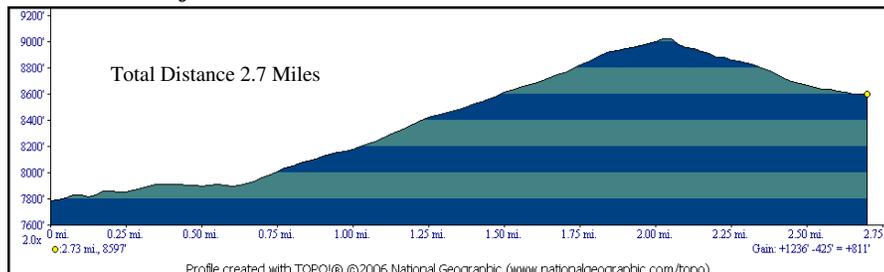


Fire Safety:

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

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