



Picnic table & manger in Horse Ranch Park.
East Beckwith in the background.

Photo by Jamie Strauss

Paonia R.D.

Horse Ranch Park is a large meadow about 4.5 miles west of the summit of Kebler Pass, with an elevation of 8,868 feet. There is a vaulted toilet, mangers for feeding livestock and picnic tables. Because the meadow receives heavy camping use, dispersed camping is allowed with a 7 day camping limit. Livestock must be high-lined or contained within an electric fence to reduce any impact. Please practice "Leave No Trace" horsemanship. Certified weed free hay is required on all National Forest Lands.

Horse Ranch Park is on the northeast side of Kebler Pass Road and is the Trail Head for the Dark Canyon Trail #830 and the Dyke Trail #838. The Dark Canyon Trail enters the Ragged Wilderness Area and is maintained for foot and horse back only. The Dyke Trail is a very popular bicycle trail.

On the southwest side of Kebler Pass Road is the Trail Head for the Cliff Creek Trail #840. This trail enters the West Elk Wilderness and is maintained for foot and horse back. Here camping is very limited with mostly room for parking.

Don't forget your camera!



Horse Ranch Park

is open to camping, horseback riding, hiking, and bicycles.



ATV's are not allowed on Kebler Pass Rd., Gunnison County Road 12. The Dark Canyon & Cliff Creek trails enter the Wilderness which is closed to all motorized and mechanical use. The Dyke Trail is maintained for bicycle, foot or horse back.



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 treated 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 under 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!

Horse Ranch Park



A View of Horse Ranch Park taken from the Cliff Creek T.H. The Ruby Range & Dyke in background
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From Paonia: Travel east on Hwy 133 to Kebler Pass Rd, Gunnison County Road 12. Turn right onto CR 12 and continue about 19 miles to Horse Ranch Park.

From Crested Butte: Travel 14.5 miles west of Crested Butte on Kebler Pass Road, Gunnison County Road 12.

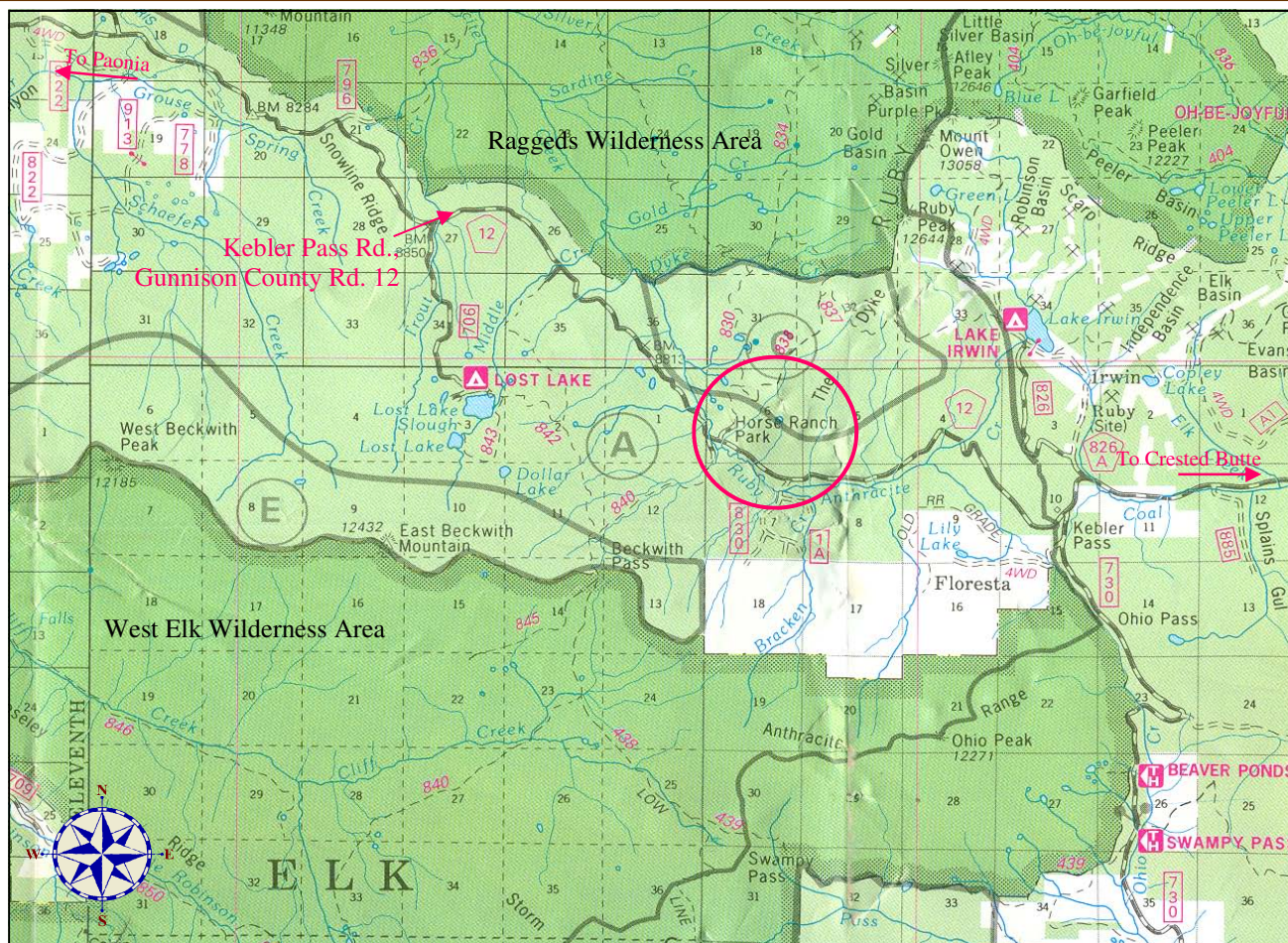
Recommended Seasons:

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

Please be aware there is no potable water at Horse Ranch Park.

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Vaulted Toilet at Horse Ranch Park

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 require 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.



- 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