

# Big South Trail (#944)

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Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests  
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**Wilderness:** Comanche Peak

**Difficulty Rating:** moderate

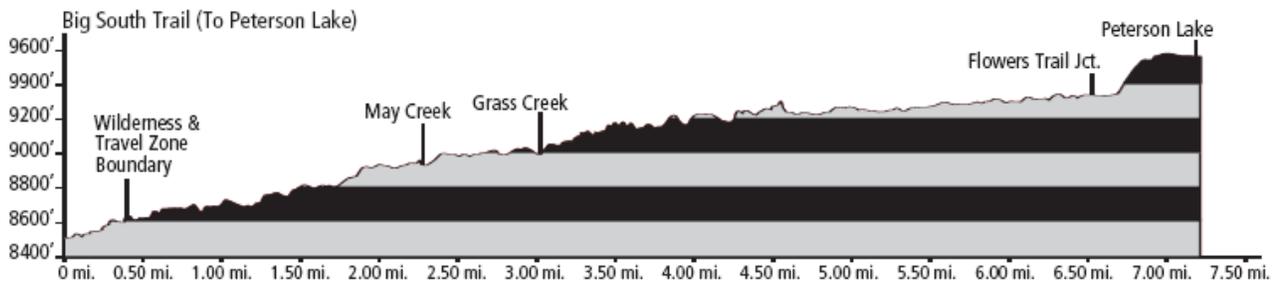
**One-way Length:** 10.4 miles

**Use:** heavy

**Beginning Elevation:** 8,440 feet

**Quadrangle Maps:** Boston Peak and  
Chambers Lake

**Peak Elevation:** 9,550 feet



**Access:** Travel 11 miles northwest of Fort Collins on U.S. Highway 287 to Colorado Highway 14. Turn left on CO 14, and travel 49 miles west. Trailhead parking is located on the left just before the road crosses a bridge and comes to the Big South Campground.

**Trail Information:** The trail enters the Comanche Peak Wilderness a half-mile from the trailhead. Nineteen designated campsites are located in the next 7 miles. Sites are on a first-come basis. The Flowers Trail (#939) intersects from the east shortly before the trail fords the Poudre River. The river crossing is difficult or dangerous depending on the time of year, the amount of runoff, and the water flow controlled by Long Draw Reservoir. The Big South Trail continues south to join the Corral Creek Trail (# 989) with four more designated sites and provides access to Rocky Mountain National Park via the Poudre River Trail.

## *General Wilderness Regulations*

- Dogs must be on a hand held leash
- No motorized or mechanized equipment
- Camps, campfires, and stock, where allowed, at least 200 feet from water and trails
- Group size limited to 12 people or stock animals combined

## *Wilderness Travel Zone Regulations*

- Camping allowed only in designated sites
- No campfires – stoves only
- Overnight stock use prohibited

## *In Rocky Mountain National Park*

- Dogs are prohibited
- Permit required for overnight camping in park
- Check with park for other regulations