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Isabelle Glacier Trail #908

Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

Trail Use: Very Heavy

Length: Long Lake Trailhead (TH) to Long Lake - 0.2 miles; to Lake Isabelle - 2.1 miles; to Isabelle Glacier - 4.2 miles. DISTANCES ARE ONE-WAY.

Elevation: 10,500 feet at the Long Lake TH; 12,000 feet at Isabelle Glacier.

Open To: Hiking. Groups of 12 or fewer. Pets must be on a hand-held leash at all times.

Access

- From Nederland, drive 13 miles north on Colorado Highway 72 to the town of Ward.
- Look for a sign for the Brainard Lake Recreation Area and turn west onto County Road 102.
- Travel to the west side of Brainard Lake. A signed side-road leads to the Long Lake TH.

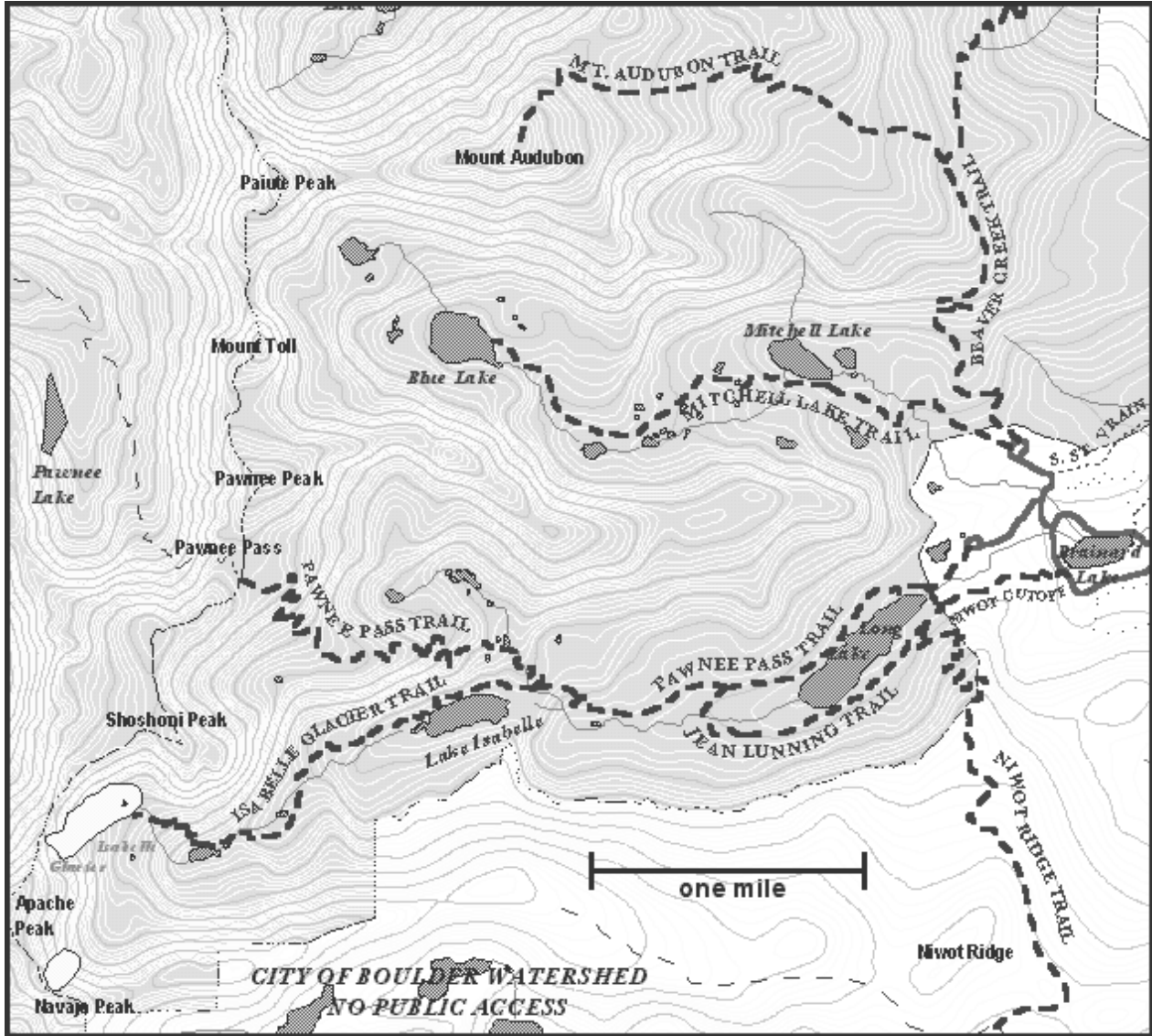
Trail Highlights

- Follow the Pawnee Pass Trail #907 as it climbs gradually for two miles through wooded terrain and into the Indian Peaks Wilderness. The trail travels from Long Lake to Lake Isabelle, which sits just below the tree line.
- At Lake Isabelle, follow the Isabelle Glacier Trail #908 as it forks left from the Pawnee Pass Trail. The Isabelle Glacier Trail continues along the north side of Lake Isabelle to Isabelle Glacier, the source of the South Saint Vrain Creek.
- The Isabelle Glacier Trail ends finally beside Isabelle Glacier in a very steep-walled cirque basin framed by Shoshone, Apache, and Navajo Peaks.

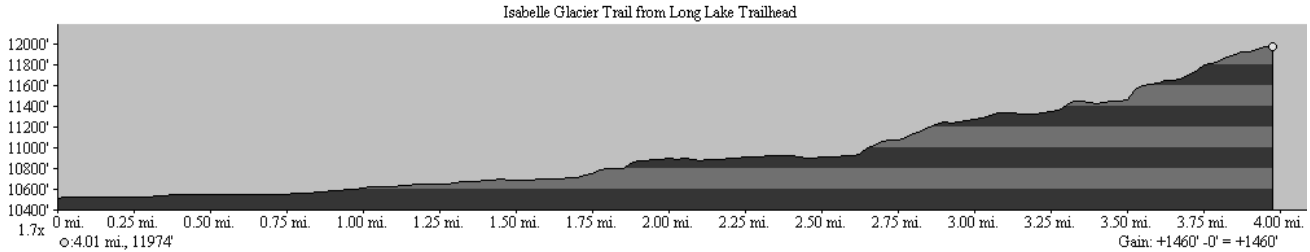
Important Information

- This trail is best hiked July through September. Snowpacked conditions can exist during the remaining months of the year.
- CAMPING IS ONLY PERMISSIBLE IN THIS ZONE BETWEEN DECEMBER 1 AND APRIL 30. FROM MAY 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, THIS AREA IS DAY-USE ONLY. Additional permit requirements exist for large (8-12 persons) and organized groups. Groups of more than 12 are not permitted. Packstock restrictions apply.
- The Brainard Lake Road is open seasonally. During these months, a vehicle fee applies for trailheads located within the Brainard Lake Recreation Area.

Trail Map & Profile



This map is intended as a general guide only and not for actual land navigation.



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